

By OIC information officials

Islamic media assessed

By Ahmad Shashan

JEDDAH, April 7 — Representatives of the 42-member Organization of the Islamic Conference and information experts opened two days of meetings at the OIC General Secretariat here Tuesday to finalize an information plan for the Islamic World.

OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti said that the plan has two main objectives. The first objective is to give an exact image as possible of the universal character of Islamic principles and of the OIC's activities, which can be exerted only in a framework of increasing Islamic solidarity.

In his message to the conference, read by his assistant for political affairs and information Dr. Arshad-uz-Zaman, Chatti said the second objective is to introduce to international public opinion the Islamic causes in their real perspective, especially the issues relating to Palestine, the propagation of Islam throughout the world, Islamic cultural heritage and the economic and social development of the Islamic World.

The Zionists have powerful means and are using press institutions all over the world to lure world public opinion, while occupying Jerusalem and other parts of the Islamic world, Chatti pointed out. He said that the Islamic world today, at the center of historic events, is going through a critical period which requires more than ever to make adequate use of information services. Islam, due to the awakening of its people, has become the preferred target of a good number of foreign media which continue to make use of gigantic means to hamper the advancement of its people. The sinister attempts directed against Islam and Muslims are likely to become more and more complex and dangerous in the future the secretary general warned.

Chatti said that by organizing this meeting, the Islamic Conference does not mean to define the role of information in the world, or even stress its vital importance to the Islamic world. This has become all too clear at present. He added that information authorities in developing countries have undertaken

intense action to draw the attention of world public opinion to the danger inherent in the resurgence of Islam. They try to achieve this purpose through international and multinational press agencies by means of their negative vision which contributes to divide people instead of serving as a means of understanding and mutual aid.

Action undertaken at the level of the United Nations, UNESCO, the Organization of African Unity, the Arab League and the Non-Aligned Movement, and recently at Gulf States level, has made it possible not only to bring this issue to the attention of world public opinion, but also to highlight the need for information plans, at every level, capable of meeting the needs of each entity which is in a position to attain its noble objectives.

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In its first session, held in Fez in July 1979, the Jerusalem Committee also unanimously adopted a recommendation requesting the General Secretariat to work out an information action plan to give international public opinion a better understanding of the Jerusalem issue.

The Third Islamic Summit held in Taif in January, 1981, recommended that the experts from OIC member states study the plan thoroughly before submitting it to the 12th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers in Baghdad next June.

Saudi Arabia was elected chairman of the meeting and Senegal as rapporteur. The meeting will resume Wednesday morning.

National Guard to get sophisticated equipment

RIYADH, April 7 (SPA) — The National Guard will be supplied with modern, sophisticated equipment so it may raise its fighting capabilities and become a strong supporting arm for the armed forces, according to Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard.

Prince Abdullah spoke to newsmen at the end of the annual maneuvers which he supervised last week. He said at the end of the exercises that experts will submit their reports to the supreme command for evaluation of the use of the weapons and the ability of the men to handle them. They also will suggest what other weapons

must be acquired.

"Our expansion plans are carefully drawn up," he said. "This is done in light of the studies and the qualifications of the men in the force." He said the National Guard is being prepared and trained to stand by the armed forces and lend them the support they need.

He is proud of the achievements of the guard, which has trained young men from the country in the use of highly sophisticated weapons, he said. "Here they are," he declared. "They came from the deep country and were given training and discipline and are able today to operate on a full battlefield with the latest weaponry

successfully."

Asked about coordination between the guard and the armed forces, Prince Abdullah said this was done at all times. In fact, this time the air force took part in the exercises to highlight the importance of such cooperation in war.

Outside the battlefield the National Guard is provided with some of the finest services in the country. They have hospitals, schools and housing accommodation. In the next two months the Riyadh hospital will be completed and together with that in Jeddah, they will have 1000 beds. They are some of the most modern in the Middle East, and will be run and managed

with the help of some friendly countries, he said. A third hospital will be built in the Eastern Region.

Built primarily for the National Guard, the hospitals are open to all the people. In the next few years every member of the guard will have a decent accommodation. This has not been possible so far because in the past our budgets did not include funds for housing until last year. But we had to postpone the project because the foreign companies involved submitted "highly exaggerated bids." The tenders will be put out again soon and the contracts will be awarded to the most reasonable bidder, he added.



MANEUVERS: Military leaders (above) watch their troops as maneuvers are carried out on the simulated battlefield (right). The air force joined in on the exercises to display joint fighting capabilities.



Airport to have civic centers

By Ayman Abdullah Zahid

JEDDAH, April 7 — Jeddah Municipality plans to establish civic centers at the present airport site here when the new King Abdul Aziz International Airport goes into operation.

Barakat Bajinaid, deputy mayor for technical affairs, said that civic centers will link Jeddah's northwestern urban expansion to the King Abdul Aziz University premises. Bajinaid told Arab News Tuesday that an extension to King Khalid Street will bisect the old airport.

The deputy mayor also said that a beach road, parallel to the corniche road, will be developed. The road that begins near the Coast Guard station, goes parallel to Hail

Road, Al-Hamra Palace, the desalination plant, the northern Creek to join Medina Road north of King Abdul Aziz airport.

Speaking about the municipality's major projects in the next budget, Bajinaid said they include illumination of the Salamah area along Medina Road and the southern corniche area. He said that Jeddah Municipality has requested reconstruction of the Makkah gate which stands at the Bab Makkah area now.

Funds were allocated for expanding the storm drainage network in the city, Bajinaid said. A tunnel for pedestrians will be dug on the Seteen Street this year, he added. Bid packages for a tender to clean Jeddah for five years have been opened, Bajinaid said. The contract will be awarded shortly, he added.

Greece clarifies position on Israel

RIYADH, April 7 (SPA) — Greece's ambassador to the Kingdom categorically denied here Tuesday the Western media reports of alleged future intentions of his country to recognize Israel and termed the reports as "baseless and devoid of any truth."

The ambassador in a statement to Arab newspaper said the misunderstandings and differences that shadowed the relations between

Greece and the Arab states had been ironed out in a recent meeting of Greece foreign minister and Ambassadors in Athens of Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria, and Libya.

Speaking about the situation in the Middle East, the ambassador said there needs to be a solution of the Palestinian peoples right for self-determination and restoration of Arab status of Jerusalem.

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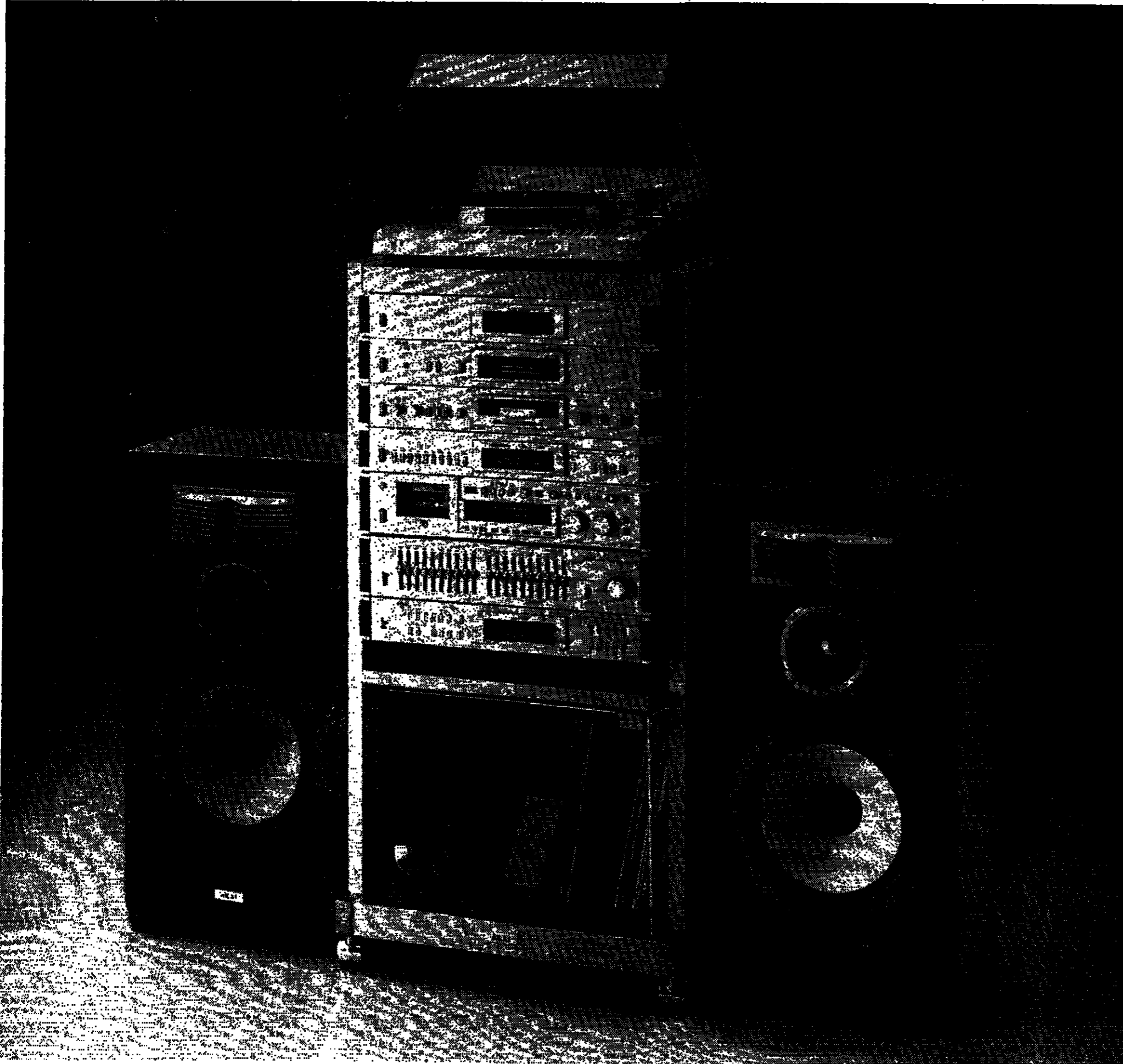
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French balance of trade helped by Kingdom ties

RIYADH, April 7 (SPA) — Increased French presence on the Saudi Arabian market and regulation of energy consumption in France will help decrease the balance of payment deficit between the two countries, according to a press statement released Tuesday during French Commerce Minister Michel Konita's visit to Saudi Arabia.

The statement stressed the importance of French contributions in the implementation of projects under Saudi Arabia's Third Five-Year-Development Plan and of more joint ventures between the two countries.

The French side was briefed on the guidelines the Third Plan during talks with Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim and other officials during the visit, the statement said. Discussions also dealt with France's readiness and possible contribution in that plan, especially in the fields of electricity, agriculture, land reclamation, agro-based industry and training.

Growing trade exchange between the two countries has brought France to the sixth place among major importers to Saudi Arabia, and to the third place among the Kingdom's major exporters, the statement said. It added that the French side welcomed the idea of cooperation with Saudi Arabia in the standardization field. France was the first country to have complied with instructions of the Saudi commerce ministry regarding the

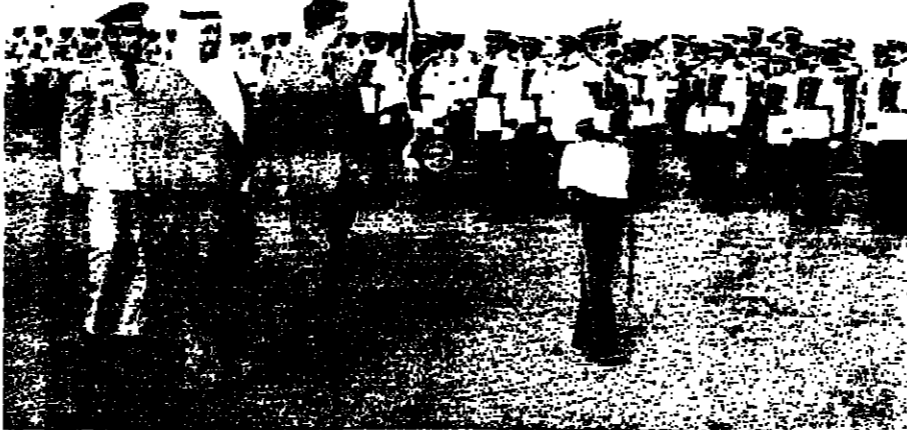
rate of water in refrigerated chicken, it said.

Meanwhile, the French defense minister, Robert Galley, left Taif Tuesday for home concluding a three-day visit to the Kingdom. He was seen off by Brig. Saleh Muhammad Al-Ghufaili, commander of Taif; Col. Ahmad Al-Buhairi, commander of Prince Fahd Air Base, and other senior officials.

Galley was received by King Khaled in Riyadh Monday and held talks with Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan. Later Monday evening, the French minister attended a banquet given in his honor by Prince Sultan at the Officers Club in Riyadh. The reception was attended by Interior Minister Prince Naif, Prince Turki Al Faisal, Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hammad, Public Security Director Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh and French Ambassador Michel Drumetz.

Earlier Monday, Galley was received by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah. The meeting discussed Saudi-French relations and ways of promoting it. Galley also visited the armed forces hospital in Riyadh. He inspected its divisions and was briefed by officials on the hospital's activities.

The French minister left Riyadh for Taif and was seen off by Prince Sultan, Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hammad, and other senior military officials.



SEEN-OFF: Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan escorts French Defense Minister Robert Galley at the honor-guard inspection. Galley left Riyadh Monday for Taif from where he left for home Tuesday. His visit lasted three days.

Training center considered Fishing company office to open

DAMMAM, April 7 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Fishing Company will open a new office in Jizan within days, officials reported Tuesday. Also, the company's board of administration has given the green light for the establishment of a training center, Dr. Nasser Othman, Al-Saleh, the company's general director said.

The company also will soon set up two ice factories in Dammam and Jizan, he added.

He also said that a specialized ministerial committee, acting upon the instructions of Crown Prince Fahd, had identified the company's needs in Dammam and Jizan ports.

Dr. Nasser said that the company's production is expected to reach between eight and 11 tons of fresh fish every week within the coming three months. Moreover, a temporary center will be opened in about three week's time for the cold-storage of fish.

Dr. Nasser further said the company will open an experimental exhibition after a month to sell the company's fish at reduced prices. Central markets for the company's production have been set up throughout the Eastern Province by Dammam and Riyadh municipalities, the official said.

UPM official returns

DHAHRAN, April 7 (SPA) — Dr. Abdullah Guwaiz, University of Petroleum and Minerals deputy rector for academic affairs, returned here Monday from the United States where he represented the Kingdom in a solar energy conference.

Dr. Guwaiz presented a working paper to the conference on the possibility of desalination saline water using solar power in the Kingdom.

University budget set

JEDDAH, April 7 (SPA) — Higher Education Minister Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh said a separate budget has been approved for Ummul Qura University of Makkah as of the next fiscal year. The university was an affiliate college of Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University. A royal decree was issued earlier approving the establishment of the university as an independent one, and since then intensive expansion projects under way for several faculties.



Abdul Karim Al-Kilani



Abdullah Muhammad Al-Qatani



Ghulam Sadiq

Forgery, bribery indictments made

RIYADH, April 7 — Nine men were sentenced to imprisonment and fined recently after being found guilty of various crimes including bribery and forgery.

An Interior Ministry press release said that Syrian national Abdul Hakim Al Kilani, offered a passport officer at the Manfath border station a bribe to allow him to leave the country without the proper papers.

He was arrested, sentenced to six months imprisonment and deportation. A Saudi Arabian national Abdullah Al Qatani was sentenced to six months imprisonment for offering a bribe to a traffic officer.

A Pakistani, Ghulam Sadiq was found

guilty of forging a residence permit and sentenced to one year imprisonment and deportation. Another Pakistani, Muhammad Choudhary, was found guilty of forging papers and using official stationery. He was sentenced to one year imprisonment and a fine of SR1000 plus deportation. Qamar ul Zaman Muhammad Anwar, a Pakistani, was found guilty of impersonation by using somebody else's name.

Four Yemenis — Ali Ahmad Dalei, Mohsen Muhammad Saleh, Abdullah Mehdi Saleh and Ahmad Abdullah Rajab — were accused of forgery and sentenced to one year imprisonment and a fine of SR500 each plus deportation.



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Handicapped aid stressed Health day activities noted

RIYADH, April 7 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia marked the advent of International Health Day Tuesday, corresponding to the day of the issuance of the World Health Organization (WHO) charter in 1948.

The theme of the day was "achieving health for all by the year 2000." Countries of the world agreed to name 1981 the Year of the Handicapped under the banner of "Full participation and equity between the handicapped and others."

The Health Ministry organized a health week during which extensive guidance efforts for looking after the handicapped were exerted. The health week, concluded Monday, was enhanced by exhibition attended by more than 15 medical organizations.

Dr. Hashem Dabbagh, preventive

medicine director general, reviewed in a statement on the Kingdom's achievements in the medical sector. He said health is an inseparable part of the comprehensive development programs. It is closely linked to social, economic, cultural and other fields, he added.

Dabbagh highlighted the Health Ministry's medical programs in eliminating diseases that could be easily prevented, or restricted. He said malaria and bilharzia have been contained, while trachoma and other eye diseases caused by virus have been eliminated.

The ministry has increased health education, preventive medicine programs and environmental pollution protection measures, Dr. Dabbagh said. The first aid medical care has been adopted as a principle for health services, in addition to local medical research in cooperation with international institutions, he added.

COMMENT

By Ali Hafiz
Al Bilad

One of the most significant tasks of the Organization of the Islamic Conference is to streamline Arab and Islamic ranks and to mend the rift now plaguing the Arab and Islamic body. The Iraq-Iran war has worried every Muslim because its impact will not be restricted to the two warring Islamic states, but will expand to engulf the whole Arab and Islamic world. The only beneficiaries will be Israel and the enemies of Islam who, otherwise would not be able to realize any gains even after spending huge resources for the purpose.

As a Muslim, I would suggest the formation of an Islamic peace court and an Islamic peace force with representation from every Islamic state. The court and the force should enjoy absolute authority and should be established in a neutral Islamic city to be called the Islamic peace force city, which should not be linked to any particular state. Every Islamic state should bear the expenses for equipping this army with sophisticated weapons.

While the court's task would be to bring about rapprochement between the two warring states, the Islamic army would fight the outrageous group until it capitulates to the divine command. After that, the peace court would take upon itself the task of bringing about conciliation between the states at war on a just and fair basis.

I urge Muslims to pray for the success of the Islamic Conference. A united Islamic force cannot be shaken by any power on earth, for God is always with the faithful. The plan of our enemies is to deplete our resources and to sell us arms, so we fight amongst ourselves without caring to challenge our common enemy and protecting our faith and homeland. Our united force would be able to foil this plan of the enemies.

Quality control check

DAMMAM, April 7 (SPA) — The Commerce Ministry's Quality Control Laboratories in Dammam analyzed 2,610 samples in March. The laboratory rejected 300 additional samples for not matching specifications and being unfit for human consumption.

The samples included 97 types of reinforcement bars of which five were rejected as being inconsistent with the Saudi Arabian standard specifications. They also included food stuffs and perfumes. The laboratory is being expanded to meet the increasing number of samples referred for analysis by customs stations in Dammam, Alkhobar, Salwa, Dhahran, airport, Khafji, Haditha and Jubail.

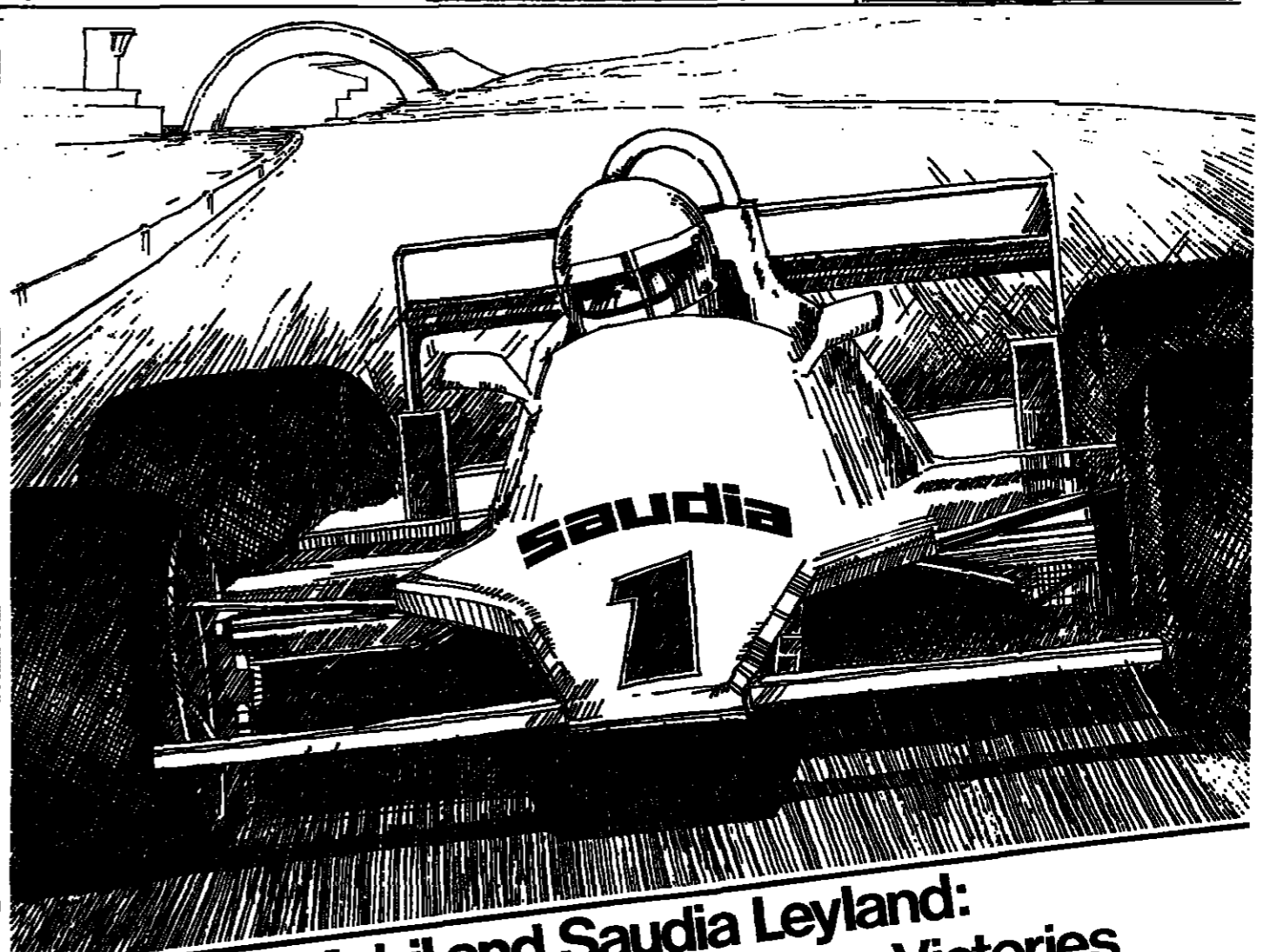
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Shahi to hold talks with Haig

By Shahid Orakzi
Arab News Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, April 7 — Foreign Minister Agha Shahi would hold talks with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig in Washington April 20 in an effort to strike an understanding on a broad-based military and economic cooperation between the two countries.

An official announcement said Shahi's visit to Washington was in response to an invitation by Haig and "would provide an opportunity to carry forward the on-going consultations for evolving a basis for a mutually satisfactory and durable relationship between the two countries." Although Shahi's program in Washington had not been disclosed, observers here did not rule out a meeting with injured U.S. President Ronald Reagan if he was back in the White House by that time.

The file on Washington's arms and economic aid to Islamabad was shelved early last year when President Zia Ul-Haq rejected a \$400 million aid package by Carter administration as "mere peanuts." The Reagan administration, however, conveyed its willingness to enhance the figure to a reasonable mark after which Haig formally invited Mr. Agha Shahi to Washington late last month.

Pakistan has been insisting that any deal or understanding with Washington should not harm the country's nonaligned image and her role in the Islamic conference. Beside Gen. Zia's flat refusal to allow American military bases in Pakistan, Washington's apprehensions about Pakistan's peaceful nuclear energy development program had caused much strain to relations and prevented the two sides to evolve any workable relation after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.



HAIG IN AMMAN: King Hussein of Jordan and U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig during talks Monday evening. Present from the Jordanian side were Crown Prince Hassan, Jordan's Premier Mudar Badran and the Commander-in-Chief of Jordan's Army Sheriff Zaid Ben Shaker.

As Khaddam meets Sarkis

Heavy fighting resumes in Beirut suburbs

BEIRUT, April 7 (Agencies) — Heavy firing resumed Tuesday in the southeast suburbs of Beirut, less than 48 hours after Sunday afternoon's uneasy ceasefire between Lebanese Christian militia and the Syrian Arab Deterrent Force, the rightist "Voice of Lebanon" broadcasting station reported.

At the same time, there were renewed violent clashes in Zahle, 40 kms to the east, as Syrian forces made two fresh onslaughts on the besieged stronghold, the radio said. According to police figures reported in the press here, some 20 persons have died in the shooting at Zahle in the past 24 hours alone. The casualty toll in Beirut for the same period was 10 dead and 67 injured, according to various sources.

Contacted by telephone in Zahle, a Greek Catholic bishop said "The intense cold and the shortage of food especially bread — is making the situation very bad. The townspeople are increasingly alarmed by the con-

tinued shelling in violation of the ceasefire," the bishop added.

In Beirut itself, as fighting resumed across the Green Line, the Christian district of Achrafieh was already completely deserted, its population having fled further up the coast or to the hills.

Tuesday's eruption of fighting at Zahle and Beirut, observers noted, seemed timed to coincide with the arrival here for a crisis conference of Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam at the request of Lebanese President Elias Sarkis.

Meanwhile, Syria rejected any compromise with Lebanon's rightwing Christian forces Tuesday despite U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's warning of "most serious consequences" if the seven-day fighting continues. Lebanese government sources reported.

The sources said the Syrian government

insisted on full control of international highways east of Zahle to the Syrian border and the Beirut-Damascus highway, a demand that has been rejected by the city's militia garrison. The sources said the Syrian government has made it plain its demand was not negotiable despite the growing specter of Israeli military intervention to help the Christians and break the week-long Zahle siege.

The sources said the Syrian position was communicated to the Lebanese government of Elias Sarkis and Prime Minister Shafic Wazzan even before the arrival of Khaddam for urgent talks.

Khaddam went straight into a closed conference with Sarkis, Wazzan and other Lebanese cabinet ministers as heavy exchanges of mortar and tank fire flared between Syrian and Lebanese Army positions just three kilometers from the presidential palace.

Top Iran leaders may be summoned by court

TEHRAN, April 7 (R) — Iran's chief government spokesman said Tuesday he expected to be summoned for interrogation by a revolutionary court in connection with last month's violence at Tehran university.

Behzad Nabavi, one of the most influential figures in the government of Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, was commenting on a statement by the prosecutor-general broadcast Monday night on state radio.

The prosecutor, Ayatollah Mousavi

Ardabi, said that President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, Prime Minister Rajai and Nabavi would probably appear before a court in connection with complaints against them following disturbances at the university.

Meanwhile, a Tehran newspaper editor who served in the Islamic republic's provisional revolutionary government has been arrested on charges of publishing false articles. Iran's official Pars News Agency reported Tuesday.

Nonaligned team to visit Iran, Iraq

NEW DELHI, April 7 (AP) — Indian External Affairs Minister P.V.N. Rao said Tuesday he will fly Wednesday to Baghdad with a four-member nonaligned nation mission to begin a search for peace in the Iran-Iraq conflict. The team also includes Cuba, Zambia and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Rao's announcement in parliament gave no details but it indicated a go-ahead had been received from the Iraqi government. The mission had been waiting here since Saturday for approval from the warring nations. Iran last week it would receive the mission to Tehran starting next Saturday, but until late Monday, there was no word from Baghdad.

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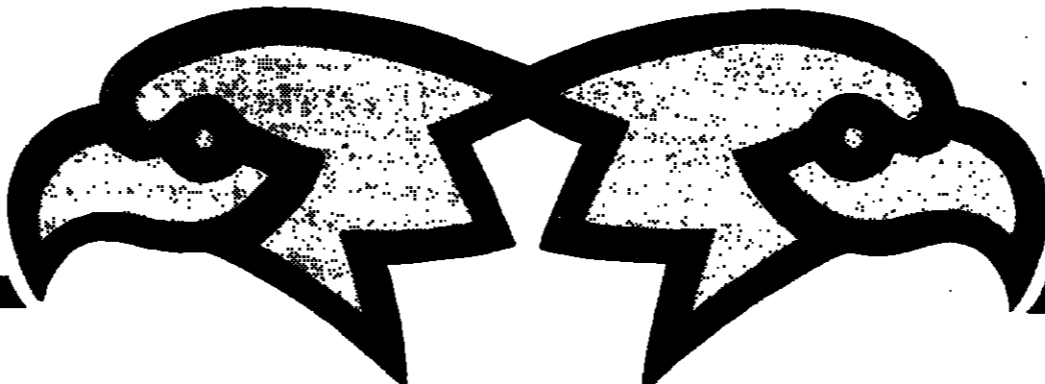
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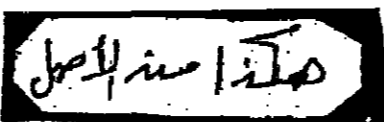


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In Geneva

U.N. to hold refugee relief talks

KHARTOUM, April 7 (AP) — Wars and power struggles in the past decade have swelled the number of refugees to ten million — victims of what one seasoned relief worker calls "global terrorism."

"Our definition of terrorism has been limited to hijacking planes, knee-capping judges or kidnapping diplomats," said Stanley Mooneyham, president of California-based World Vision. "But what about those millions of innocent people who have been uprooted, their lives disrupted, shattered. Many of them dying because malnutrition and disease follow in the wake of refugees. That is the worst form of international terrorism."

Mooneyham, who toured refugee camps in Sudan, during an inspection trip to his organization's project in the horn of Africa, south-east Asia, central America and the Middle East, expressed his and other relief workers' frustrations at the growing number of refugees and the limited resources to keep them alive.

Half of the world's refugees are in Africa,

and the magnitude of the problem has made it necessary for the United Nations to convene an international conference, April 9-10 in Geneva to map out means of assistance. Voluntary organizations will participate, including World Vision which is leading private relief agency. "I have seen and worked in refugee situations in Thailand, Cambodia, Somalia, Sudan, Vietnam, Honduras, Guatemala and so many other parts of the world," said Mooneyham. "I am not weary of it, and I am sure others are not either. But I wish politicians would think of refugees as people, not statistics. People with a right to live, a decent life, in their own homes."

Mooneyham who has been in the relief business for 15 years suggests the world community boycott nations that force large populations to wander homeless across another country's borders, taxing that nation's economy and the world community's efforts to help them. Others like James Poole, league of the Red Cross Societies' chief delegate in Sudan, and Robert Muller, representative of the United Nations' High Commis-

sion for Refugees, get just as angry. "The misery I see makes me mad," said Poole. "Everytime I think I have seen it all. I go into a new refugee situation and I still get angry. My mind races how can we keep them alive, what to do to pick up the broken pieces and help them re-shape themselves." For Muller it is much the same. "Human suffering is a serious and painful experience. No matter how often you see it, it still hits you directly. Immediately you worry how to get food and clothing to them."

All three organizations are now involved in a race against time, a struggle with the lack of infrastructure in Sudan, and the lack of a coordinating body to prevent relief duplication among themselves and other voluntary organizations. Their focus is now on Kolbus. Some 3,000 of the 18,000 Chadian refugees are stranded in a valley off that garrison town in western Sudan. They have fled the Soviet-backed Libyan intervention in their homeland across the borders.

The relief workers have 60 days, or the last week of May, to provide for the refugees before the rainy season makes it impossible. Their location is accessible only by a six-hour drive through rough sandy bushland. But the amount of food necessary is hard to truck because 15 tons of sorghum, sugar and powdered milk can sustain 1,000 persons for only one month.

Planes cannot be flown to Kolbus because it is too near the Libyan-manned anti-aircraft guns, and since Sudan has declared its hostility to the Libyans next door, pilots fear the mission.

In the meantime, the refugees are living in tents and on straw mats. Many have nothing to sleep on or cover up with. The little money some came with is running out, and the strain of their presence — doubled the local population — has inflated prices of vegetables, sugar, and tea.

Still they will not leave the valley because, they argue, they want to be as close as possible to their homeland.

Not so long ago, Mooneyham's organization was among the first to buy and put a ship in the South China Sea to rescue Vietnamese Boat people. "We had to override official and U.N. advice that it was dangerous and adding to the resettlement problem," he noted.

8 Moroccans killed, 217 hurt in Sahara

RABAT, April 7 (R) — Moroccan forces lost eight dead and 217 wounded in a clash with more than 1,000 fighters of the Algerian-backed Polisario Front near the phosphate-mining center of Bou Craa, in western Sahara, last Sunday the Moroccan News Agency MAP reported Tuesday.

It said the fighters lost a large number of dead and many were wounded. It gave no figures. Fifteen Polisario vehicles were destroyed in five hours of fighting.

The Moroccan troops involved were part of a special intervention force engaged in mopping-up operations who were on their way to Bou Craa when they surprised two fighter units of about 700 men each, the agency said.

Iran militants live with monuments

PERSEPOLIS, Iran, April 7 (R) — Iran's Islamic militants, enemies of imperialism in all its forms, are learning to live with the monuments of a past dedicated to empire-building on a grand scale.

With some of the men who helped end the monarchy of Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi, hatred of the Shah's rule ran so deep that only the intervention of leaders of the Islamic revolution prevented activities from destroying relics of Iran's ancient history. Persepolis is a case in point. Capital of an empire which stretched from India to the Aegean Sea and from central Asia to Africa, Persepolis was burned down by Alexander the Great but its majestic ruins survived remarkably well-preserved.

On a vast stone terrace set against the backdrop mountains, giant columns, great stone blocks, carved staircases, life-size stone carvings and massive sculptures of animals remain of a palace complex which had no equal at the time.

According to local accounts, a group of Islamic extremists planned to tear down the columns and erase the representations of life at the court of King Darius a few days after the victory of the Islamic revolution which chased the Shah from his throne.

Iranian officials now deny that such a plan ever existed. "This is not true, this is just a rumor spread by enemies who want to portray us as reactionaries," said Nader Kojoori, head of the cultural department of the province of Fars. Speaking in his office in Shiraz,

U.N. diplomat to hold talks on Afghan issue

ISLAMABAD, April 7 (AFP) — Preliminary contacts leading to three-way negotiations on the Afghan crisis will begin here next week, a Western diplomatic source said here. United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's representative Perez De Cuellar leaves New York Saturday for Islamabad, from where he hopes to go to Kabul, the source said.

However, Iran, which Pakistan says must take part in the talks as a neighbor of Afghanistan, has not yet replied to De Cuellar's offer to join in. De Cuellar's trip is the first real step in a process begun at the beginning of the year following contacts between Soviet Ambassador in Islamabad Vitaly Smirnov and the Pakistan foreign ministry.

However, Pakistan, which has always said a political solution is the only way out of the Afghan crisis, is not ready for full negotiations and its insistence on Iranian involvement and an active United Nations role has not been totally accepted in Kabul.

Benjedid gets warm welcome in Tanzania

DAR-ES-SALAAM, April 7 (R) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid received a warm welcome at the start of a three-day state visit to Tanzania.

Tens of thousands of people turned out at Dar-es-Salaam international airport and lined the route into town to greet the president who is leading an 80-member delegation on a six-nation African tour. Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere and his entire cabinet were at the airport.

45 kilometers south of Persepolis, Kojoori said that the Islamic Republic of Iran wanted to preserve, not destroy, ancient cultural monuments.

Kojoori, a 24-year-old former student of archaeology and anthropology, is in charge of all archaeological sites and mounds in Fars province, home of one of the world's greatest concentrations of ancient sites. Apart from Persepolis, they include Pasargadae, capital of Cyrus the Great, and the magnificent rock carvings at Naqsh-e-Rajab and Naqsh-e-Rustan, a few kilometers from Persepolis.

Waving a photocopy of a statement from Ayatollah Khomeini, Kojoori said: "This is the basis of all our work here, and we apply it to the culture of the past."

The statement reads: "Islam is not opposed to any science, and it is not in conflict with art. But we must draw a line between art committed to the service of the (Islamic) revolution and art which is harmful and not serious. ("Art") that pushes our country and youth toward disintegration and destruction is in contradiction to Islam. Art at the service of the country and the people must be promoted."

Over centuries historians have been in dispute over the exact circumstances of the des-

truction of Persepolis, a royal enclave designed to house the king and his court.

According to the Greek chronicler Diodorus, Alexander ordered Persepolis burned down "during a drinking bout when he was no longer in control of his wits." Other accounts blame the Athenian dancer Thais.

At the climax of a frenzied performance, she was supposed to have snatched a burning torch from an altar and flung it among the massive wooden columns of the palace, daring Alexander to follow suit. Drunk and boisterous, he did.

Marrakesh - El-Aaiun rail work inaugurated

MARRAKESH, April 7 (R) — King Hassan of Morocco drove a bulldozer to inaugurate work on the 970-kms 'Unity Railway' to link Marrakesh with the west Saharan town of El-Aaiun.

Morocco annexed part of western Sahara when Spain withdrew from the former colony in 1975. Algerian-backed Polisario front is fighting to set up an independent state there. The railway, said to symbolize the unification of Morocco with its Saharan provinces, will be built in three phases, the first of which, to Agadir, is expected to take eight years.

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CANAL: As part of its extensive program, many canals are dug. Bangladesh is confident of attaining self-sufficiency in food by 1987.

Bangladesh making headway

By Stuart Aberbach

DACCA, (WP) — Bangladesh, once described by Henry Kissinger as an international basket case, celebrated its 10th anniversary last month with its cheerleader president proclaiming that his poor and densely populated land will produce enough food to meet its needs by 1987.

"We've got to do it. It's our survival," said President Zia Ur Rahman, 45, who sometimes appears to be trying to raise his country up by the sheer force of his persuasion. The anniversary marked the declaration of independence from Pakistan by East Bengal, which is now Bangladesh.

Surprisingly, many international experts here also believe Bangladesh can achieve self-sufficiency in food — if not by Zia's optimistic timetable, then soon after. Yet in many ways Bangladesh, as hard as it is trying with a massive worldwide aid program that has poured in more than \$10 billion in assistance since 1971, remains a basket case of sorts.

It remains one of the world's poorest countries, with an average annual per capita income of less than \$100. Anyone who makes more than \$1,000 a year is considered middle class. With 90 million people closely packed on 55,598 square miles, an area the size of Illinois, it is one of the most densely populated countries.

Even if Zia's most optimistic projections for food production and population control come true by 1985, Bangladesh's millions would get no more than an extra half ounce of grain each day. The increase would provide only 70 per cent of what international experts believe is the minimum daily food requirement.

"What we are talking about is less than a handful of grain a day per person. That's what we are worrying about," said one aid official. Nonetheless there is a feeling among many experts here that Bangladesh may turn the corner. It has the reputation of trying harder than almost any other poor country to break out of the poverty cycle.

"Lots of things don't go well but lots of

things succeed, particularly those that Zia focuses attention on," said one experienced diplomatic observer here. "I think they are moving," he said, "because of development input."

The changes are noticed by businessmen, diplomats and international aid workers who have been coming to this country for years. One businessman said conditions appear to have improved since his last visit six months ago.



LEADER: Bangladesh President Zia Ur Rahman, considered a forceful leader of the Third World.

"People who come back after five or six years don't believe it," said one aid official. "It's come from a point where people were starving in the streets and they were doing body counts in Dacca to where people don't starve to death, even when there is a drought as in 1979." "Aid," a diplomat said, "has

changed from relief to development."

Moreover, in its 10 years as country, Bangladesh seems to have developed a real sense of unity. The new feeling of guarded optimism about Bangladesh's future stems almost entirely from the leadership of Zia, a retired army general who took over a military government in 1976 and transformed it into a civilian rule.

He restored fundamental rights, freed political prisoners and in 1978 won a whopping 77 per cent margin in a presidential election that outside observers said was free and fair.

Zia runs a one man show, concentrating his government on rural development aimed at helping the 90 per cent of the population who live in villages. His program appears to have strengthened his political base among the villagers, while the increasing inflation has hurt his popularity among the small but influential urban middle class.

His goals for the country are basic: Decrease illiteracy, which stands at more than 80 per cent; gain self-sufficiency in food by increasing production from the present 13.1 million tons of grain a year to 20 million tons by 1985, with a guaranteed production of 18 million tons in years with bad weather and a doubling of the crop in seven or eight years; control Bangladesh's burgeoning birth rate, which threatens to overwhelm all its recent advances in development.

Nonetheless, in an interview recently, over dinner in the presidential palace after he welcomed Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Toure on a state visit, Zia appeared optimistic that Bangladesh could weather the population crisis through increased food production and sharp cuts in the birth rate. "We will hold the population at 100 million and then fall back," he said confidently.

His Planning Minister Fasihuddin Mahtab sounded more realistic when he said: "The economy is in such a state that unless we make a major breakthrough in the next five years, we are finished. With 80 per cent of the people below the poverty line, we are barely floating. It is survival. The alternative is yearly famine."

The migratory dinosaurs

By Thomas Harney

WASHINGTON, (SNS) — Did dinosaurs migrate? Yes, indeed, according to Nicholas Hotton, a paleobiologist (scientist who studies fossils) at the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History in Washington.

He also is one of the leading advocates of the theory that dinosaurs made annual seasonal migrations, comparable to the long-distance treks undertaken today by birds and whales. The possibility of dinosaur migrations bears directly on the mysteries of migrations as well as on the question of what sort of animal a dinosaur was and how it lived and behaved. All of which is a matter that is still very controversial today.

But first, imagine this scene as painted by Hotton: A herd of enormous dinosaurs striding 2,000 miles, from present-day Montana northward to well above the Arctic Circle. The time is 70 million to 75 million years ago, a period that scientists call the late Cretaceous Era. The herd is made up of two-footed, plant-eating hadrosaurs — a group of dinosaurs that flourished in North America in great numbers and many forms during this period.

Towering 10 to 20 feet above the ground and weighing as much as 6,000 pounds, the elephant-sized creatures stood erect, with duck-like beaks and bizarre, helmet-like crests covering the tops of their heads. Small wonder they are also called "duckbill dinosaurs."

With their beaks, the hadrosaurs browsed on needles, twigs, fruits and seeds of the conifers and other trees that covered vast areas of continental North America. As they foraged, they moved steadily northward, their powerful legs taking them 10 to 20 miles a day.

Now, before you accuse Hotton of having an overly vivid imagination, make no mistake. The latest fossil evidence firmly supports Hotton's contention that these awesome journeys actually took place. Indeed, scientists first were tipped off to the possibility of annual Arctic migrations about eight years ago, Hotton says, when fossil remains of hadrosaurs were discovered in the Yukon Territory almost as far north as 70 degrees latitude, well above the Arctic Circle. Plenty of remains of the same animals had been found earlier in western North America.

There is a good reason to doubt that hadrosaurs could have lived near the Arctic Circle year-round, Hotton says. Scientists have reconstructed what the climate was like during the late Cretaceous Era, and while it was warm and temperate that far north in the spring, summer and fall, the winters were certainly dark and cold. Under such inhospitable conditions, it seems all the more likely that the many fossils unearthed in the far north, from 60 degrees to 70 degrees latitude, reflect summer occupancy only.

To Hotton, the likelihood of these vast migrations gets to the heart of the dinosaur controversy, which centers around the newly espoused popular theory that dinosaurs were warm-blooded animals, like mammals or birds living today. Hotton disagrees. In a

Scientist floats new theory....

recent scientific publication, he argues that dinosaurs were unique. They not only had an exotically different appearance from today's mammals and birds, but they also had a completely different internal physiology, he says.

Hotton believes that dinosaurs, over a period of some 100 million years, evolved a distinctive way to control the temperature of their bodies. In his view, this thermal mechanism determined the unique character and history of these prehistoric beasts — including their eventual extinction.



EVIDENCE: Dr. Nicholas Hotton, a leading advocate of the theory that dinosaurs made annual seasonal migrations, displays a styrofoam cast of a dinosaur thighbone. The anatomical detail of the bone, he says, is evidence that they were "competent walkers" and could have made the annual long-distance trips.

"Unlike mammals, dinosaurs had no special mechanism for the internal production of heat," Hotton explains. "Rather, they kept warm with heat generated by muscle movements within their great bodies. In this respect, they resembled birds, but they lacked an insulating coat of feathers or hair."

This was a physiology, according to Hotton, that was highly advantageous in the arid age during which dinosaurs originated. By attaining increasingly large size, dinosaurs found it easy to reduce heat transfer, maintain a high constant temperature and conserve water.

Dinosaurs were not torpid and slow as was once commonly believed. Their distinctive physiology dictated a lifestyle of great activity. But, he maintains, dinosaurs definitely did not have a "mammal-like gait," as advocates of the warm-blooded dinosaur theory have suggested. His studies of dinosaur bone structure show that the dinosaur hip bone did not have a ball-joint like a mammal's hip bone. Thus, dinosaurs were not agile-footed like mountain goats or fast runners like horses or camels, he says.

Instead, the hip joint and the configuration of the rest of the dinosaur's leg structure — along with its thermal physiology — fit a view that dinosaurs walked "slowly and steadily" over long distances, gathering the food they needed along the way to keep themselves going. As Hotton envisions the scene, hadrosaurs and other migrating dinosaurs would have begun to drift northward in the spring as they became aware that rising temperatures, longer daylight hours and new plant growth were extending their foraging range.

Because of their physiology, dinosaurs were highly sensitive and dependent on stable environmental temperatures. Migrating would have made it possible for them to avoid temperature extremes.



MIGRATIONS: In this scene, an artist recreated how a herd of duck-billed dinosaurs might have looked 70 million years ago as they drifted north from the present-day Montana to the Arctic Circle.

Lung cancer decimates Turkish village

By Steven R. Harust

KARAIN, Turkey (AP) — Nearly 600 persons live in this pleasant white-washed agricultural village 250 kilometers southeast of Ankara. Last year 34 of them died of lung cancer. The Turkish Council of Ministers has declared the village a disaster area six months ago, and ordered plans drawn for the resettlement of the villagers. There is no deadline for the evacuation and apparently no way to force anyone to move.

The rate of lung cancer deaths in the village, six persons in every 100, is directly attributed to zeolite, an asbestos-like mineral, carried in the dust and used in whitewashing the village houses.

Karain is exceptionally deadly in a nation with an extraordinary high lung cancer death rate of 150 per 100,000, according to health authorities here. That compares to lung cancer death rates of 51.2 for U.S. males; 83.9 for Scottish males; and 19.3 for Japanese males, according to the American Cancer Society.

It is a village that lies in the Cappadocia region, renowned for its strange landscape and rock monasteries. Centuries ago the area was covered with lava. The soft rock that formed has slowly eroded, leaving some of the strangest landscapes in the world.

Early settlers built the entire underground cities in the soft rock, others carved homes out of the so-called "fairly chimneys," conical rock formations that rise from the valley floors.

In the town square, villagers refused to talk to a reporter. The village schoolmaster also said he would not talk. "The deputy governor of the province ordered all officials not to talk to newsmen," the schoolmaster said. He suggested that a man standing near the schoolyard might be willing to tell about the village, which is at least 1,000 years old.

The 42-year-old Hussein Inan, a taxi driver, told me in German: "I've been to eight countries and in them all I've never seen a more beautiful valley." Inan had worked 10

years in West Germany. His wife died of lung cancer last year. Why does he remain? "Right now resettling would be more trouble than it is worth."

Karain sits in a fertile valley, dotted with carefully tended plots of almond and fruit trees and vegetables. The trees were in full flower and early onion sets were already being planted.

While Inan and many of his fellow villagers resist the resettlement, others have complained to Turkish reporters that the alternative site tentatively chosen by the government is too near Karain.

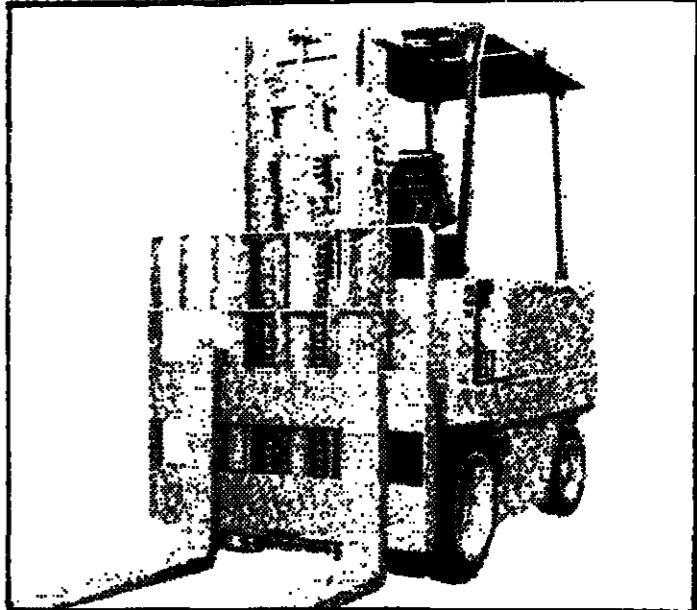
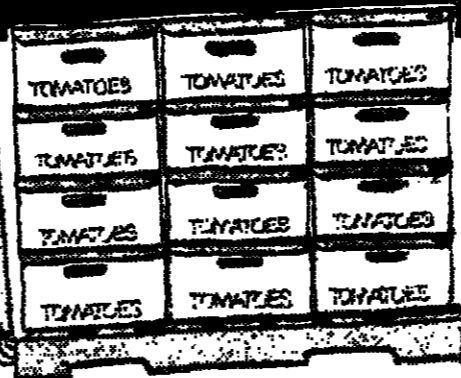
"We want to go far away or else the deaths will continue," one villager was quoted as saying. "We want to go where the earth does not smell of death." The Turkish press claims that 178 villagers have died of lung cancer in the last six years.

Even if the villagers move, the older people with long exposure to zeolite still face a high risk of lung cancer, medical authorities say. The real benefit would be for the young.

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Over rent hikes

Agitation spreads in S. African towns

JOHANNESBURG, April 7 (AP) — About 7,000 black mine workers demonstrated against rent hikes early Tuesday, wrecking a beer hall and setting administrative offices on fire, the South African Press Association reported. A police spokesman said the demonstrators fled the scene of protests at Germiston, 20 kms east of here, before police arrived.

There were no reports of any confrontations with authorities, and no reports of injuries. It was not immediately known how production would be affected. The protest reportedly erupted over a rent hike equipment to about \$7, raising the monthly rate in the hostels for migrant workers to about \$18.

The unrest followed demonstrations against rent hikes in three government-administered black townships in the Johannesburg area that as of April 1 raised rents by \$9 to about \$29 a month.

Isolated stonings were reported in Tembisa, 30 kms east of here, where a disturbance erupted Sunday after police refused to allow residents to hold a meeting about the increases. A number of black leaders were believed to have been detained. Trouble also was reported Monday in Sobokeng and Evaton, about 20 kms south of here, with arson and stonings reported in both townships.

Meanwhile, informed sources said in Paris that the French government wants an urgent resumption of action by the five-country Western group seeking a solution to the problem of Namibia. The sources said France's four partners in the effort — the United States, Canada, Britain and West Germany — were in agreement that new moves must be made to end the conflict between South Africa, which administers the territory, and the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO). But so far, they said, no formula acceptable to both sides has been devised.

Officials in Paris are watching closely the swing through Africa by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Chester Croker, who is on a mission to consult with key leaders on the subject of Namibian independence. Earlier this year, a U.N.-sponsored conference in Geneva ended in deadlock. The French are concerned that continued lack of action by the Western five could be construed as disinterest in the problem, the sources said.

Kenyan pleads innocence in coup plot

NAIROBI, Kenya, April 7 (AP) — A Nairobi businessman charged with treason has pleaded innocent to allegations that he plotted a coup against President Daniel Arap Moi. An unemployed man charged with failing to report the alleged plot also pleaded innocent.

Kenya high court judge Alfred H. Simpson set May 4 for the trial of businessman Andrew Mungai Muthemba and his unemployed co-defendant Dickson Kamau, also known as Georges Muiruri. Muthemba, 45, the first Kenyan charged with treason since independence, faces a mandatory death sentence if convicted. Kamau, 32, faces a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment if convicted of misprison or knowledge of treason. After their brief court appearance Monday, both men were remanded to the Kamiti maximum security prison.

Muthemba, whose alleged attempts to buy weapons from two members of the Kenya Air Force led to his arrest, said in statements read at a preliminary inquiry last month that he was investigating arms smuggling to assist top Kenyan officials. One of the officials Muthemba named — his cousin Charles Njonjo, who is constitutional and home affairs minister — testified that Muthemba never acted as an informant for him. Njonjo also denied court testimony that he was a "big name" in a group plotting to topple the president.

Young to contest in Atlanta poll

ATLANTA, Georgia, April 7 (Agencies) — Andrew Young, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, has announced his candidacy for mayor of Atlanta. Before a battery of television cameras and several hundred supporters, Young pledged to make city government work "in such a way that our citizens will be well served."

Young, an ordained minister who marched at the side of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through the civil rights struggles, served at the United Nations post for two years marked by controversy over his outspoken remarks. He resigned under fire for holding an unauthorized discussion with a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Young said Monday, "I don't know anyone better qualified to take on tough challenges than me." But he said the wave of murders of black children in the Georgia capital over the past two years should not be an election issue. Atlanta voters go to the polls next October to elect a successor to Maynard Jackson, who was one of the first blacks to run a major American city. His second four-year term expires this year.



NEW BELGIAN CABINET: Belgium's Prime Minister Mark Eyskens (center, with a raised hand) poses with his cabinet ministers for a group photograph Monday. In the front row (from left) are Madame de Backer, secretary of state for Flemish community, Joseph Desmarres, minister "classe moyen", Vice Premier Guy Marthot, Eyskens, Economic Affairs Minister Willy Claes, Public Works Minister Jos Jaberit, and Cédric Goux, secretary of state for Brussels region. Agriculture Minister Albert Lavens stands behind the prime minister and far right is Foreign Minister Charles Ferdinand Nothomb. King Baudouin swore the new government into office Monday.

At Cape Canaveral

Shuttle crew tries to make up lost time

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida April 7 (AP) — Trying to make up time lost by the latest technical failures, launch crew gave up a rest period Tuesday to get the space shuttle Columbia ready for Friday's scheduled liftoff — already more than two years behind schedule. The five-day count that started Sunday had provided for an eight-hour pause Tuesday in launch preparations.

But the technicians fell four hours behind schedule during the first two days when they were forced to make repairs to the reusable rocket ship's main engine and equipment on the ground. "The launch crew knew when it picked up the count that there was a lot of work to do, that the schedule would be very tight and that at times they might be against the wall," said Mark Hess, a spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

"We are confident we'll be able to make up the time during the built-in hold," he said. In all, the countdown preceding the critical test flight provides for 30 hours and 20 minutes of "holds" for crew rest and for fixing unforeseen problems such as the two that already have developed. Most of the delay so far was caused by a leak in a valve in what officials described as ground support equipment. It took nearly three hours to replace the valve, officials said.

Earlier, the countdown lost 30 minutes

when two wires were scraped bare by work platforms, creating a short circuit that made a "pogo" valve open without command. The rest of the lost time, Hess said, could be attributed to the heavy work load. Tuesday's countdown checklist had the crew checking the spacecraft computers, preparing equipment for loading Columbia's fuel tanks on launch day and checking the range safety destruct system.

The Columbia's two-astronaut crew, John Young and Robert Crippen, were winding up training activities at the astronaut office of Johnson Space Center in Houston. They planned to fly here Wednesday for final preparations for the launch, scheduled for 6:50 a.m. EST (11:50 GMT) Friday.

Launch requires near-perfect weather at three locations — the Cape, the prime landing area at Edwards Air Force Base, California, and the backup landing site at White Sands, New Mexico. If weather or other problems delay the launch more than six hours beyond schedule Friday, the liftoff is likely to be delayed until Sunday because a 48-hour turnaround period is required once fuel has been pumped into the tanks.

Bob Crippen has been an astronaut for almost 15 years and he's never been in space before. The closest he came was putting on a space suit for a make-believe flight that lasted 56 days. Now that long wait for a rocket ride is over.

The navy captain from Beaumont, Texas, Crippen is 43 years old, 5-foot-10 and stays a trim 160 pounds (72 kilos) by running a couple of five-minute miles in the evening. He is a military astronaut, a good bet for future assignments that involve defense missions. Crippen earns \$3,000 a month for his chores. Before the shuttle, Crippen's biggest assignment was as a member of the crew on the Skylab medical experiments altitude test.

After graduating from college, Crippen was commissioned in the navy's aviation officer program and eventually became an attack pilot aboard the carrier U.S. Independence. He was a test pilot and instructor at Wednesday Air Force Base in California before joining the astronaut corps. On his

first space flight, Crippen will have at his side one of the most veterans of America's astronauts, John Young. In four previous trips, Young logged 533 pours and 33 minutes in orbit.

Indonesia detains journalists

JAKARTA, Indonesia, April 7 (AP) — Authorities have detained an editor and four newsmen from the afternoon Jakarta daily Oerba, allegedly on charges of publishing a report contradicting a government official's statement on an Indonesian hijacker, a source said Tuesday. The hijacker, Zulfikar, was one of five Indonesians who took over an Indonesian domestic DC-9 airliner with 53 persons on board last week.

The source said that editor Kamajaya and newsmen Soebekti, Zaidin Wahab, Dahlan Rawi and Soeprijono were picked up from the newspaper's office Monday. The newspaper reported Saturday that Zulfikar, 28, had not been an employee of the Hilton Hotel here that contradicted an earlier statement by Sudomo, a navy admiral who is commander of the powerful security and order command, that Zulfikar was a security officer at the hotel before he was fired.

Tornado hits China

HONG KONG, April 7 (AP) — A tornado hit a county in the southern Chinese province of Guangdong, killing at least four persons, injuring 144 others and damaging thousands of houses, a Canton newspaper reports.

A recent issue of a Canton daily, seen in Hong Kong Tuesday, said the Tornado ripped through Liangjian, 416 kms west of Hong Kong Friday. The newspaper said the 25-minute tornado uprooted trees, damaged nearly 3,000 dwellings and destroyed 153 storage houses.



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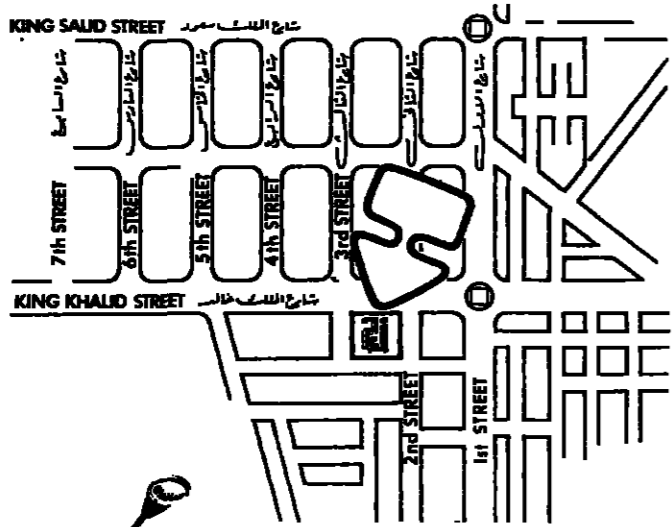
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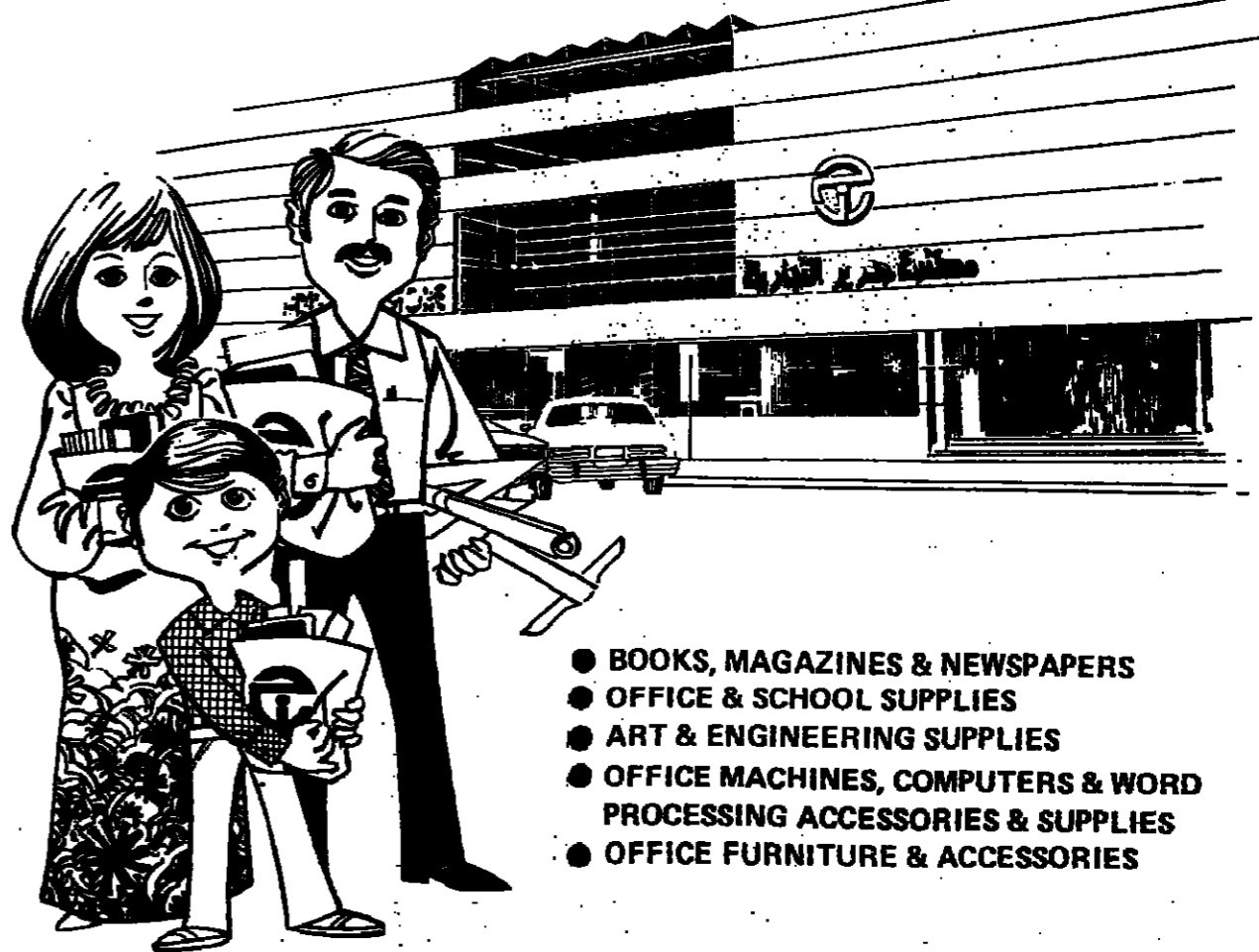


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Brigades shoot jail guard in reprisal

ROME, April 7 (AP) — Three gunmen shot and killed a 28-year-old prison guard Tuesday and the attack was claimed by the Red Brigades as a reprisal for the capture of one of their top leaders last Saturday, police said.

The killers shot Raffaello Cinotti, who worked at Rome's Rebibbia prison, as he was leaving his house to go to work. Red Brigades leaflets and pamphlets were found at the scene of the crime, including a "strategic resolution" dealing with the national prison situation, police said.

An anonymous telephone caller told the Rome newspaper *La Repubblica* that the shooting was in revenge for the arrest in Milan of Mario Moretti, previously Italy's most-wanted terrorist suspect. "Don't touch our comrades who were arrested in Milan," the male caller said. He described Cinotti as a "torturer" and said he has "received justice."

Moretti has been charged with 51 criminal acts and prosecutors believe he organized the kidnapping and murder of former Premier Aldo Moro in 1978. He was arrested with Enrico Fenzi, another suspected Red Brigades leader.

Cinotti, the fifth victim of political violence in Italy this year, was shot outside his house on Via Acquarone in the Torre Angela neighborhood on the southern outskirts of Rome. He leaves a widow and two children.

According to initial police reports, the gunmen stepped out of a medium-sized white car waiting on the street near Cinotti's house at 06:45 (04:45 GMT). One of them called out "Cinotti," and opened fire when the guard turned to answer.

Police quoted one witness as saying the gunmen were not in a hurry and looked around calmly after the shooting. Then they got back in their car and sped away, police said. Cinotti was hit in several places and police experts said his murderers may have used both pistols and submachine guns.

After a lull in their activity last summer, the Red Brigades launched a campaign in Rome against the nation's prison system. In November and December, they claimed the murders of a prison doctor and a general in charge of prison security. They also kidnapped Judge Giovanni D'Urso, who had the sensitive job of deciding which convicts should be assigned to maximum-security prisons, and held him 34 days before releasing him unharmed in January.

The Marxist urban guerrillas are trying to disrupt the nation's prisons because so many of their comrades are in jail, prosecutors believe. Aided by tips from former terrorists, Italian police arrested 360 Red Brigade suspects during 1980.



'SPORTSMAN' HINCKLEY: John Warnock Hinckley, who was charged with an assassination attempt on President Reagan in Washington March 30, is shown at left as a fourth grade basketball player in 1964 and as a fifth grade football player in 1965. Hinckley went to school in an affluent Dallas suburb.

Hinckley figures in bomb threat

Actress dormitory evacuated

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, April 7 (AP) — The Yale University dormitory where actress Jodie Foster lives was evacuated briefly Monday when an anonymous telephone caller threatened to blow it up unless accused presidential assailant John W. Hinckley Jr. was released, police said.

Students were allowed to return to Welch Hall, a freshman dorm, after police made a brief search and found no bomb, a police spokesman said. Authorities termed the bomb threat a "crank call."

Miss Foster, 18, received several letters and notes from Hinckley before U.S. President Ronald Reagan and three others were wounded in Washington March 30, investigators theorize that Hinckley's infatuation with the actress may have motivated the alleged shooting.

The male caller dialed the New Haven police emergency number and, claiming to

represent the "people's court," demanded that Hinckley be released within one hour. The caller claimed a bomb was planted in the dorm.

Police said they hadn't heard of any organization called the "people's court" and doubted its existence. There was no estimate of how many students were in the dorm at the time of the threat. About 120 students live in the building.

Police and campus officials refused to say whether Miss Foster, who appeared in the movie "Taxi Driver," was in the dorm at the time. The leading male character in "Taxi Driver" plots a political assassination attempt.

Hinckley, 25, is being held at a federal prison in North Carolina for psychological tests, pending prosecution on a charge of attempting to assassinate Reagan.

Hijack hostage held on drug charge

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP) — An American held by hijackers for 13 days aboard a Pakistani airliner has been arrested by federal narcotics agents as the alleged leader of an international drug-smuggling ring.

Craig Richard Clymore, 24 was seized by

Drug Enforcement Administration agents Monday aboard a Lufthansa airlines flight from Frankfurt, West Germany, the agency announced. He was expected to be arraigned Tuesday on drug smuggling charges.

Federal indictment alleges that Clymore and eight confederates smuggled more than \$12 million worth of heroin and hashish oil into the United States from Afghanistan and Pakistan between October 1979 and January 1981. The group is accused of making five to 12 round-trips each in the smuggling enterprise.

Also known as Craig Richards, Clymore was one of two Americans among 102 passengers and crew members held hostage for 13 days last month by terrorists opposed to the Pakistani regime. They were freed March 14 in Syria.

Following the hostages' release, Clymore's passport was revoked by the State Department and he was arrested by Syrian authorities at the request of U.S. officials. He was deported Sunday from Damascus, traveled to Frankfurt and then was put on a plane to New York.

American agents who had accompanied him from Damascus moved in when the jet entered U.S. airspace 322 kms off the east coast, according to a DEA spokesman. He was escorted from the plane in handcuffs at Kennedy airport, and taken to the agency's headquarters in Manhattan.

Graham Greene doubts espionage allegations

JERUSALEM, April 7 (R) — British author Graham Greene believes recent allegations that a former head of British counterintelligence may have been a Soviet spy were probably "Soviet disinformation." Greene, in Israel to receive the Jerusalem Prize for his writing, said at a press conference Sunday he did not believe the allegations.

British journalist Chapman Pincher recently stated that a former head of the British counterintelligence service, MI-5, Sir Roger Hollis, had been suspected of being a Soviet spy. Greene, was a former member of the British secret service.

In resisters' ambush

Ugandan soldiers killed

KAMPALA, April 7 (AP) — Ugandan resistance groups trying to oust President Milton Obote have claimed they killed 47 Ugandan and Tanzanian soldiers in an ambush last week and a government source said 35 persons died Sunday in an attack on a military camp.

The attacks on soldiers and military installations were the latest in a series of assaults by groups trying to topple the three-month-old Obote government. The fighting groups claim last December's election which returned Obote to power was fraudulent. Diplomatic sources here said fighters attacked two army trucks 25 miles northwest of Kampala last Tuesday and killed 44 soldiers.

In Nairobi, a spokesman for the group headed by former Ugandan Defense Minister Yoweri Museveni claimed responsibility for the ambush. The spokesman, telephoning

from an unidentified location in Uganda, said all 47 Ugandan and Tanzanian troops in three military vehicles were killed.

The spokesman for the Popular Resistance Army — the new name for Museveni's forces — said the troops were being sent to ambush the fighters but the fighters ambushed them first "and wiped them out."

In Kampala, the government source said resistance groups overran a military camp at Kpbri, 30kms west of the capital on Sunday. The government moved reinforcements into the area and the source said scattered fighting was still going on 24 hours later. A number of villagers were detained.

The government source said the attackers were also believed to be followers of Museveni, whose Uganda Patriotic movement was the big loser in last December's election.

Spain to recover Picasso painting

MADRID, April 7 (AFP) — A Spanish diplomat and a lawyer have left here for New York to seek to recover for Spain the late Pablo Picasso's famous civil war painting "Guernica." Picasso painted the work in 1937 in reaction to the bombing of the old Basque region city of Guernica in north Spain by Adolf Hitler's air force "volunteers" who fought for the late Francisco Franco.

The Andalusian painter created the work in France and sold it to the Spanish Republican government in exile on the condition that it would not be sent to Spain until democracy had been re-established.

With the outbreak of World War II, the painting was sent to the United States where it was entrusted to the New York Museum of Modern Art for safekeeping.

Gen. Franco died in 1975 and the Spanish government, established now on democratic lines, has asked for the painting to be sent to Spain. While most of Picasso's heirs approve the "repatriation" of the "Guernica," his daughter Maia is opposed.

Diplomat Rafael Fernandez-Quintanilla and lawyer Joaquin Tena, who left for the United States Monday, are to make a formal request for the paintings transfer.

Sweden premier arrives in China

PEKING, April 7 (AFP) — Swedish Prime Minister Thorbjorn Faellin arrived here Tuesday for an official week-long visit to China. Faellin was due to confer with his Chinese counterpart Zhao Ziyang and party Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping. China's de facto ruler, on security in Scandinavia, the dialogue between poor and rich countries, disarmament and other world issues.

China and Sweden have both condemned the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the occupation of Kampuchea by Vietnamese troops. But they hold different views on detente, which Peking sees as a "smoke-screen" aimed at masking Soviet global "expansionism."

Sweden meanwhile provided Vietnam with economic aid and has built a huge pulp mill there. Peking towns on this Swedish aid to Hanoi. By contrast China has welcomed Stockholm's decision to boost its military spending. The Chinese view is that western Europe, particularly Scandinavia, is the prime target of Soviet "expansionism."

Swedish sources said Swedish Industry Undersecretary of State Robert Nilsson, who is accompanying Faellin, would meet officials of the Chinese State Economic Commission and of the Pharmaceutical Industry State Bureau Wednesday to discuss creation of a joint venture to manufacture medicines.

The Swedish Premier, who began his talks with Zhao right after the welcoming ceremony at the Great Hall of the People here Tuesday, will leave Wednesday for a cross-country tour which will take him successively to Nanjing, Hangzhou and Shanghai in central China.

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W. Germany's share dips

Japan dominates world exports

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP) — Japan's share of world exports of manufactures increased strongly in the third quarter of 1980 and the Swedish and British positions also improved, the U.S. Department of Commerce has reported.

West Germany and Belgium sustained share losses, the department said. The value of Japanese exports of manufactures jumped by 8.6 per cent from the April-June level and its share, at 23.3 per cent moved to the highest level since mid-1978. It did not give a precise figure on the value of the exports.

U.S. exports of manufactured goods advanced by 4.6 per cent in the third quarter of 1980, the department reported. Overseas shipments by the other leading exporters as a group rose by 4.3 per cent in that period. Several of the United States competitors — principally Sweden, Japan and the United Kingdom — reported faster growing exports than did the U.S. Sweden made the largest gain in the value of exports with a 23 per cent climb in overseas deliveries. No precise figure on the value of the Swedish exports was reported.

As a result, Sweden's share of world exports of manufactures rose to 3.1 per cent. Britain's also increased during the July-

September period to 10 per cent. The department said West Germany, the world's leading exporter of manufactures, recorded its second successive quarterly share loss. Its third quarter share of 19.7 per cent dipped below the 20 per cent level for the first time since late 1975. West German exports of manufactures rose by only 2.7 per cent in value in the third quarter. The department said this recovery by West Germany, which followed a decline in the previous quarter, was not sufficient to raise exports to the level achieved in the January-March period.

Belgium's position also weakened to 5.6 per cent, a half percentage point decline from the preceding quarter. The United States' share of world exports of manufactures remained almost unchanged in the third quarter of 1980, following a strong gain in the April-June period. At 18.5 per cent the U.S. position was less than one-tenth of a percentage point higher in July-September than in the second quarter.

The U.S. share in the two middle quarters of 1980 was at its highest level since late 1976, but it still remained far below the 21.3 per cent share achieved in 1970.

The largest U.S. share loss occurred on

transport equipment, where its share fell to 21.6 per cent. The French and West German positions also weakened, but that of the United Kingdom moved upward. Japan's share jumped by nearly four percentage points to 19 per cent as auto exports shot up.

The U.S. position also weakened significantly in electric machinery and in the miscellaneous manufactures group. In electric machinery the U.S. share declined to 19.2 per cent. West Germany's share in electric machinery also fell. U.S. exports in the miscellaneous manufactures group declined for the second consecutive quarter. The United States' three largest competitors in this commodity area — West Germany, Italy and Japan — were able to record share increases.

The only sizeable U.S. share rise was in chemicals. At 20 per cent, the U.S. share was two and a half percentage points above that of the first quarter. It was the second consecutive quarter that there was a large improvement in the U.S. position. Among the United States' principal competitors for these products, West Germany, France and the United Kingdom recorded share losses, while the Netherlands' share expanded.

U.K. turns out plastic from bacteria

EASTBOURNE, England, April 7 (R) — British scientists searching for oil substitutes have discovered how to turn out plastic from bacteria, an international conference was told.

The team from Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) have already made golf tees and key rings from the tiny bugs, said the company's agricultural division research director, Peter King. He told 1,000 delegates at the European Congress of biotechnology here that large-scale production was not yet worthwhile because the process was more expensive than taking plastics from oil.

King said the bacteria was found in soil and grown in the laboratory. The plastic, known as PHB, was being manufactured at a rate of 22 pounds (10 kg) a week. ICI has patented the process and its researchers are now trying to establish whether other organisms might be used to make different plastics, he added.

EEC plans employment talk

THE HAGUE, April 7 (AFP) — The 10 labor ministers of the European Economic Community discussed plans to call a "jumbo" conference on the problem of employment in the EEC.

The Netherlands had suggested holding such a giant conference, which would include officials representatives for social affairs, economy and finance.

The labor ministers began Monday a two-day meeting at Kijkduin, a seaside resort near here, presided over by William Albeda of the Netherlands.

The recent European summit at Maastricht, the Netherlands, insisted on the need to prepare the "jumbo" talks thoroughly, and some non-Dutch delegations have reservations on the timeliness and usefulness of such a meeting.

Meanwhile, a ministerial meeting of the African and Pacific (ACP) countries linked to the European Common Market under the Lomé II convention opened in Brussels Monday.

It will prepare the agenda for EEC-ACP council talks to be held in Luxembourg Friday and Saturday.

Kuwait denies halting oil loading

KUWAIT, April 7 (AP) — Official sources denied as untrue Tuesday a London report that Kuwait has suspended oil loading by major Western companies in an effort to gain premium price.

A senior official of the oil ministry said negotiations were still on with Royal Dutch Shell, British Petroleum and Gulf Oil of America in hopes of reaching agreement on a \$5 per barrel surcharge.

The London report, citing industry sources and published by a number of Gulf Arab papers, had claimed that the three oil companies were rejecting the premium and that Kuwait was halting loading crude oil to them.

Kuwait's official price is \$35.5 a barrel. The premium was being justified on the bases of access to large quantities of crude oil on long-term contracts.

Wheat sale to Russia French bid irks U.S. farmers

WASHINGTON, April 7 (R) — American farmers' organizations have objected to French plans for a big wheat sale to the Soviet Union.

They said it was unfair while a U.S. embargo on grain sales to Moscow, imposed after the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, remained in force. They criticized Secretary of State Alexander Haig for discussing the issue with the French ambassador in Washington without telling other cabinet members.

Ambassador Francois de Laublay told Haig that France was considering selling up to 600,000 tons of surplus wheat to the Soviet Union. U.S. officials differed on whether Haig gave a non-committal response or told the ambassador that Washington would not object to the sale.

American farmers want to resume shipments to the Soviet Union. The European Common market has been according to a U.S. request to limit grain sales to Moscow to traditional levels.

Fort Delano, president of the American farm bureau, the largest U.S. farm group, said: "present situation is further evidence of the complete failure of the embargo and another reason why administration, despite the Polish situation, should remove at once

from the backs of American farmers."

George Stone, president of the National Farmers Union sent a telegram to Haig demanding that administration discourage French wheat sales so long as the embargo stayed in force. The National Association of Corn Growers, in a letter to the White House, said American farmers would be denied the benefits as French farmers if the wheat sales were made.

The corn growers called for an end to the embargo and for the United States and the Soviet Union to start negotiations on a new grain agreement to replace the present one, due to expire at the end of September.

Meanwhile in Brussels, the European Commission has taken no decision on France's request to export 600,000 tons of wheat to the Soviet Union, the official spokesman of the commission has said.

He said that there had indeed been contacts between the EEC representatives in Washington and the U.S. administration. But he refused to comment on them.

The spokesman added that the commission had held strictly to the EEC council of ministers' statement in January 1980. This declared that the EEC was not to take the place of the United States when selling cereals to the USSR.

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U.S. Democrats oppose tax cuts

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AFP) — Democrats in the House of Representatives gave details of their proposed budget providing for a reduced deficit in 1982, a smaller tax cut and defense spending lower than that put forward by President Ronald Reagan.

The Democrat proposals made public by the House Budget Commission President James Jones, call for reductions that are roughly in line with the Reagan program. But they exclude his 30 per cent income tax cuts over a three-year period.

The Democrats count on a balanced budget in 1983, rather than 1984 as Reagan plans. They envisage a budget deficit for 1982 starting next Oct. 1 amounting to \$24,600,000 or about half the Reagan program figure.

The proposals include military spending \$4,000 million. Some \$4,800 million would be saved by fighting fraud and waste within the U.S. administration.

The energy sector is affected by a cut of

\$2,800 million in supplementary expenditure. The funds released in this way would enable certain welfare services to be maintained and the budget deficit trimmed, the Democrats say. Additionally, in regard to tax cuts, the Democrats see a \$35,000 million reduction in the fiscal burden next year, as against Reagan's \$54 million. They rule out cuts in subsequent years unless further budget reductions are introduced to trim the deficit.

Generally, the Democrat draft budget provides for spending of \$713,500 million in 1982 and a deficit of \$24,600 million, while Reagan wants spending of \$695,300 million and a deficit of \$45,000 million.

The house leader Democrat Thomas O'Neil said the proposals were agreed within his party. Observers said they demonstrated that fiscal cuts, which many consider inflationary, are likely to be the part of the Reagan budget most strongly challenged in the house, where the Democrats are in the majority.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — A total of 2,263 companies went bankrupt in Britain during the first quarter of this year, a rise of 51 per cent on a year earlier according to the company data agency Dun and Bradstreet. The figure was an increase of nine per cent on the final quarter of last year, which was the worst quarter in 1980. Hardest-hit sector was building, followed by textiles, motors and mechanical engineering.

BUENOS AIRES, (AFP) — Some 3,000 workers have been laid off at the Sevel Car Company (the outcome of a Fiat-Peugeot merger here) because of shortage of parts and excessive stocks, the company said, Tuesday. The 4,000 personnel at Mercedes south west of Buenos Aires were, meanwhile, threatening to down tools over sacking and a 20 per cent pay claim, staff were back at work at Goodyear after a lay-off.

RABAT, (AFP) — The number of tourists visiting Morocco in 1980 grew two per cent over the previous year, to reach 1,097,21 persons, the pro-government newspaper *Le Matin Du Sahara* has said. Among the visitors Frenchmen topped the list.

LONDON, (AFP) — The Peugeot-Talbot group has threatened to close down all its

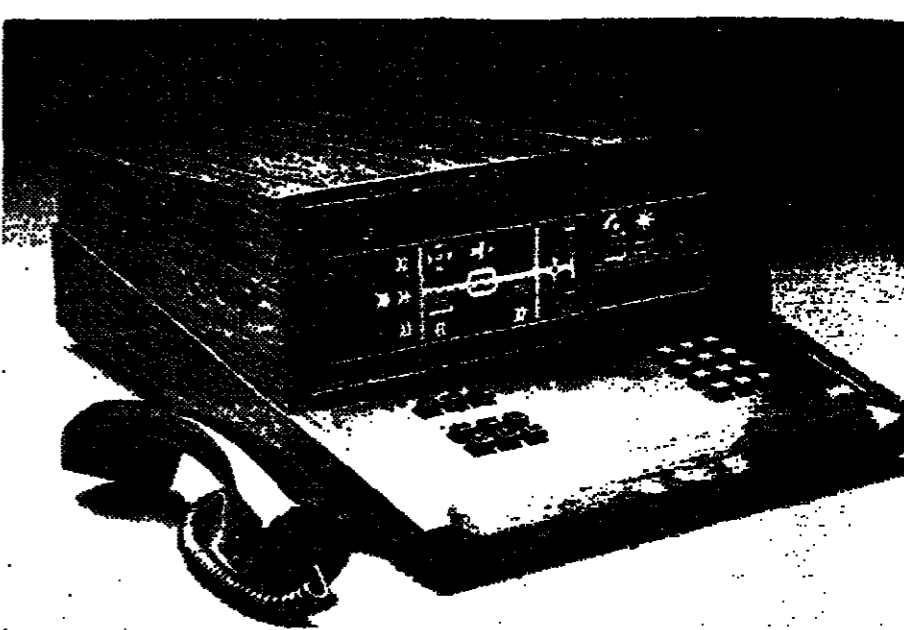
activities in Ireland beginning April 13 unless the Irish lift their embargo against the group, it is learnt here. The embargo on Talbot imports was called after the layoff of 800 workers, resulting in the progressive shutdown of a Talbot assembly plant in Dublin.

PARIS, (AFP) — Unions representing French merchant marine sailors have announced a three-day strike beginning Tuesday French ships. This work stoppage, which covers ships in foreign ports as well, is designed to seek rise in pay and retirement benefits. There are 60,000 persons who contribute and 104,000 recipients, including pensioners, widows and orphans.

PARIS, (AFP) — The world market for electronic components is expected to represent an annual turnover of \$100,000 million in 1990 compared to \$14,000 million last year, specialists at the 24th annual electronics trade show here said.

PRAGUE, (AFP) — Czechoslovakia party secretary Gustav Husak has called for an economic summit in near future for the East bloc countries. He stressed the need "to complete the coordination of the socialist communities' plans with their joint overall plans for economic policy."

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To keep prices high

Russia-S. Africa gold link alleged

LONDON, April 7 (AP) — South Africa, through its giant mining corporation Anglo-American, collaborates closely with the Soviet Union to maintain high prices for gold, diamonds and platinum, a British Broadcasting Corp. program has reported.

The 50-minute "Panorama" program Monday contended the Soviet Union and South Africa, overtly sworn enemies and who produce most of the world's gold, diamonds and platinum, collaborate through an elaborate network of discreet contacts to keep up world prices to their mutual benefit.

"Their propaganda machines blast each other with continuous waves of hatred, but the two countries are linked by chains of gold," said BBC reporter Michael Cockerell, who compiled the documentary.

The program reported that Anglo-American's sister company, world diamond giant De Beers, recently concluded a fresh contract to continue marketing most of the Soviet Union's rough diamonds.

The BBC program showed Gordon Waddell, a senior director of Anglo-American, refusing to say why he was in Moscow last winter.

The BBC's Moscow correspondent, John Osman, previously assigned to Africa, encountered Waddell and another Anglo-American executive from South Africa at the Bolshoi ballet. The South Africans were accompanied by two officials from the Soviet trade ministry, Osman reported.

Vladimir Bykov, minister-counsellor at the Soviet embassy in London, interviewed for the program, denied any contact between the two countries.

Asked specifically why Waddell was in Moscow, Bykov, after a long pause, said: "I know the name... as a tourist perhaps."

The program displayed still photographs allegedly taken at a private luncheon given recently by Soviet trade officials for De Beers executives at London's Connaught hotel.

Presently were Anglo-American chief Harry Oppenheimer and a Soviet official

identified as the deputy head of the Soviet Union's platinum and diamond marketing organization. Bykov did not deny that the luncheon took place; but said of Oppenheimer, well-known South African mining magnate and millionaire: "As far as we know, Oppenheimer is...an international businessman."

The program said South African-Soviet cooperation in diamond marketing stretched back nearly 25 years, beginning with the first large Soviet diamond discoveries.

De Beers did not want its position as the world's chief marketer of diamonds — and controller of prices — threatened, and the Soviets needed South African marketing expertise, the program said.

After the 1960 shooting at Sharpeville, where South African police killed 67 black demonstrators, the Soviets "tried to get

alone," Cockerell said. "But it didn't work and secret contacts were restored." The Soviet Union is highly critical of South Africa's apartheid system of racial separation, which keeps the white minority in control.

On platinum, the program, again showing still photographs, said Anglo-American executives and Soviet trade officials sit together at a platinum dealers lunch at London's Savoy Hotel each May and representatives of both sides also meet recently at the Soviet embassy in Oslo, Norway.

On gold cooperation, the program produced little evidence. But it said there was direct contact between the South African reserve bank and Soviet banks overseas, and described Swiss banks — which store large amounts of export bullion — as the "trusted middle man."

Car export issue

Japan's firms harden stand

TOKYO, April 7 (AP) — Japan's automobile industry Tuesday stiffened its resistance to any "voluntary" restrictions on car exports as Japanese officials and a U.S. trade delegation began talks here.

The talks' official purpose was to explain the U.S. administration's efforts to help the ailing American car industry measures that so far do not include, or do not openly mention, import restrictions.

Takashi Ishihara, president of Nissan Motor Co., Japan's second largest automaker, told reporters that he was opposed to moves aimed at restraining Japanese automobile shipments.

Ishihara, also president of the Japanese Automobile Industry Association, said that the U.S. industry's trouble was not due to the rapid increase in Japanese car exports, but

rather to a sharp decline in new car demand in the U.S.

Saburo Okita, Japan's chief trade negotiator, told a 10-member U.S. auto mission, led by Assistant Trade Representative Stephen Lande, that Japan would try to settle the car import problem without adversely affecting friendly relations between the two countries, official sources said.

Industry leaders have showed strong distrust toward the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), claiming that the ministry is trying to settle the auto trade issue through controls on car shipments. Ishihara said the Japanese government is trying to resolve the auto issue purely for political reasons before Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki visits Washington in early May for talks with President Ronald Reagan.

Poland hikes prices paid to farmers

WARSAW, April 7 (AP) — In an effort to boost farm productivity and shorten food lines, the Polish government has announced up to 55 per cent increases in prices paid to farmers after April 1 for milk, cattle, sheep, horses and calves, the Polish news agency PAP said Tuesday.

In addition, prices paid farmers for grains, rapeseed and sugar beets will increase "markedly" after July, the agency said, adding that prices for other produce would be raised at another date.

The increase comes at a time when Poland has begun its first long-term food rationing in its 36-year communist history to assure equitable distribution of food that is in ever shorter supply.

"The rises in purchase prices of agricultural produce aim to ensure profitability of farming and an increase in the yield and market supplies of animal products. The acute shortage of which is now clearly felt," PAP said.

It added: "The raises should settle several problems. This is important not only for those waiting in lines before food shops. However, we must not expect that the raise will have the effect of a magic wand. It will take long, some months or perhaps even longer."

PAP said the price hikes should be felt at the market place after July 1. Previous attempts by the government to raise food prices, artificially frozen for almost 17 years, have proved socially volatile, prompting protests in 1970 and 1976 and strikes last summer that led to formation of the independent union Solidarity.

Financial Roundup

Dollar maintains strength; local rates touch new high

By J.B. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 7 — The dollar continued to maintain its strength in a fairly active day, Tuesday, that saw gold and silver prices fall in Europe and local deposit rates rise to new high levels. Local dealers described market activity as being almost "frenzied" at one stage with most banks scrambling for riyal liquidity to go long in dollars. Demand for the riyal came both from Bahrain-based banks and local banks.

The day opened with the dollar firm against most major European currencies. Sterling continued to be weak at 2.1750 (having reached 2.1680 at one stage) and that currency was beset with rumors about impending interest rate cuts after the coming release of the British money supply figures as well as a possible role for sterling in the IMF. With the last two per cent cut in MLR (British minimum lending rate) in the last February budget, a further cut in British interest rates would undoubtedly make that currency less attractive to hold against the dollar.

In fact, the prime reason for the dollar's present strengthening against the other currencies has been the dramatic turn around in dollar interest rates. Once it became clear to the market that the Federal Reserve Board would still like to see U.S. dollar interest rates high for the time being, Eurodollar interest rates firmed in all tenors and the three-month offer rate is now standing at 16 1/8 per cent. The one-month bid and offer rate is 15 13/16 per cent.

The result of all this has been to push up the demand for the dollar and weaken other currencies. Against the French franc the dollar was 5.0580, Swiss franc — 1.9570, German mark — 2.1470, yen — 213.60, Italian lira — 1080.00. Locally the spot riyal against the dollar exchange rate went to levels of 3.3505 — 15, but the most significant aspect was the jump in riyal deposit rates. The one month JIBOR reached levels of 14 1/8 per cent — an almost two per cent jump since Monday. The one-year bid — offer rate out of Bahrain was 14 1/4 — 15 per cent. Dealing was quite active in the short periods, especially the one week and overnight funds with the latter

going as high as 15 per cent. This is quite remarkable given the fact that a few weeks ago, in the words of a local banker "you could have obtained it for peanuts...". The jumps in the riyal interest rates once again demonstrated the "thinness" of the local market and the volatility with which Saudi rates respond to changes in the dollar's fortunes. The end of this week could as yet see once again a steep inverse yield curve for the riyal with higher interest rates for the shorter periods.

There has been some lively correspondence and articles in the local press about the desirability or otherwise for a local stock exchange. Most of those involved have argued for an exchange and have pointed out that even the government inspired Riyadh Chamber of Commerce commission study have come out in favor of such an institution in the Kingdom. What people are arguing about now are the technicalities and the degree of freedom to be allowed to those running the exchange. Everybody agrees on the necessity of government control or supervision initially "to bring order" to a potentially confusing situation.

But those that know of the Arab trading behavior point out that the stock exchange will have a good future. What it certainly will do is to bring together all those buyers and sellers of the present unofficial share market under one official roof. This market has been operating remarkably well within the last few years, often run through the local money brokers' offices, and has enabled a wide market to evolve for a range of shares. In fact, it has played a major role in redistributing wealth amongst the citizens. The major drawback, though is that one does not know with certainty what a "fair" market price is for the shares transacted. It is a "hit-and-miss" affair that the legally to be established stock exchange hopes to overcome. If transactions outside the legal stock market are to be officially banned with only the writ of the stock exchange to be the official guide, then the days of the "unofficial" exchanges will be numbered. With the combined nominal capital of the joint stock companies operating in the Kingdom now reportedly standing at over SR30 billion, the local stock exchange will rank at the largest in the Middle East.

Turkey accepts guidelines set by OECD

PARIS, April 7 (AP) — Turkey Tuesday formally adopted the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's guidelines for multinational enterprises and the declaration on international investments.

The move was announced at a meeting of the OECD council as part of Turkey's program designed to attract private foreign investments. Artur Memduh, Turkey's ambassador to the OECD, told the council that the encouragement of private foreign investment "constitutes one of the major targets" of his country's economic stability program announced last year.

He said Turkey introduced new regulations and facilities for foreign investors and has taken important measures to minimize formalities. "The inflow of private foreign capital is an important element for reducing Turkey's balance of payments deficit," he said, adding that a realistic foreign direct investment policy had been adopted "in all sectors of the Turkish economy, including petroleum and mining."

Turkey is seeking aid commitments from OECD donor countries of about \$1.5 billion this year, up from \$1.2 billion in 1980. An OECD "pledging session" is expected to be held early next month.

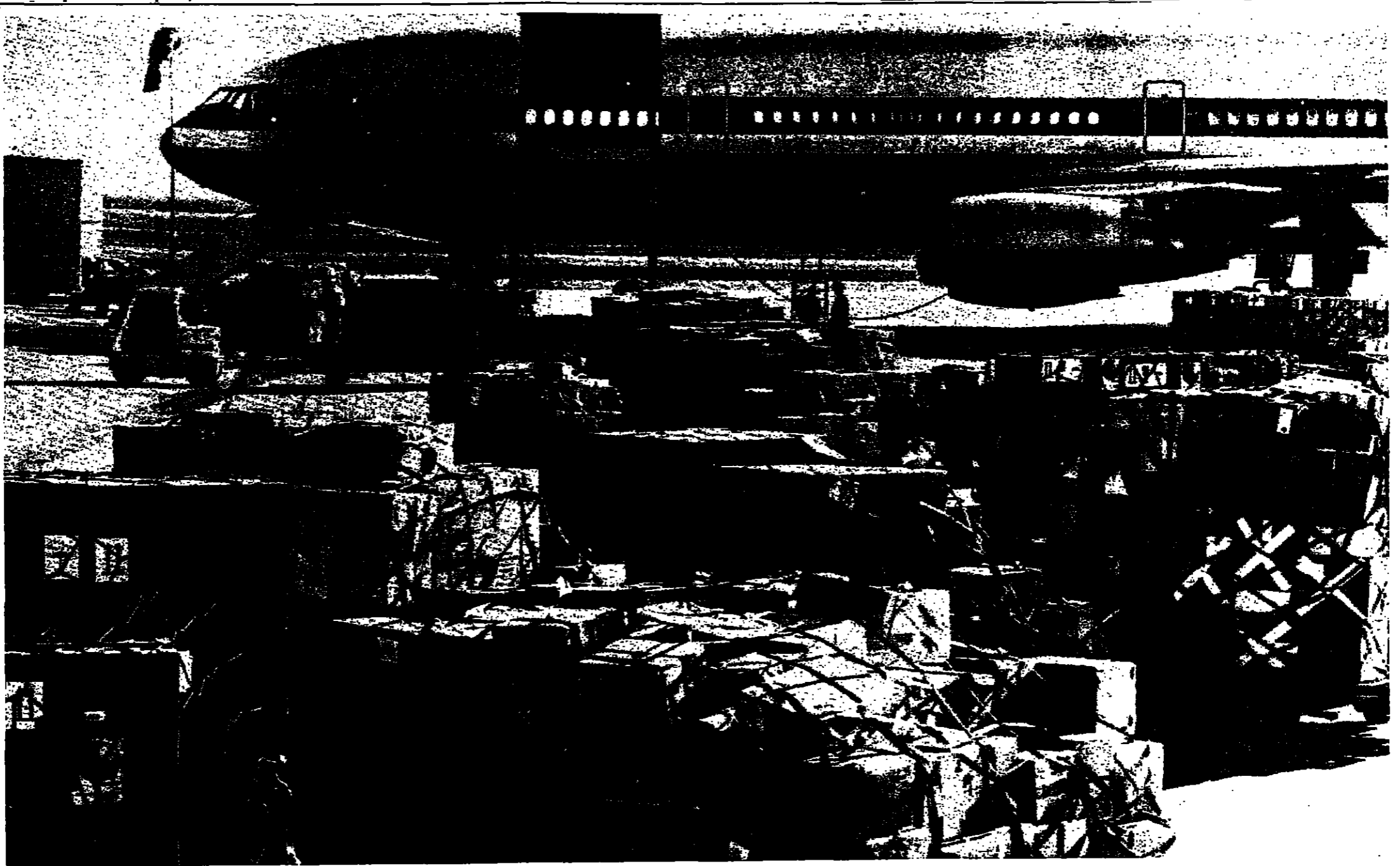
U.S. oil reserves stand still short of target

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP) — The United States' strategic petroleum reserve stands now at 121.5 million barrels, an amount equal to 18 days worth of oil imports, the Congress was told.

Another 45.4 million barrels — just under seven days worth of imports — are under contract for delivery this year, the U.S. Energy Department told the House Appropriations Interior Subcommittee Monday.

But Harry A. Jones, the department's deputy assistant secretary for the reserve, said the nation's oil stockpile still stands far short of its 750 million-barrel goal. And reaching that goal by 1989 will require an estimated \$41.7 billion over the next eight years, he said.

Jones testified before the subcommittee in support of U.S. President Ronald Reagan administration's requests for an extra \$1.3 billion this year and for \$3.8 billion next year to buy oil for the reserve and build additional storage capacity for it.



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Foreign Exchange Rates

Table with columns for currency, SAMA rate, Cash rate, and Transfer rate. Lists various international currencies and their exchange rates against the Saudi Riyal.

Ramesh shocks Vijay

HOUSTON, Texas, April 7 (AFP) — Former Wimbledon and French Open junior champion Ramesh Krishnan produced a majestic display of flowing tennis to oust his highly rated compatriot Vijay Amritraj from the first round of the Houston Grand Prix Tournament here Monday.

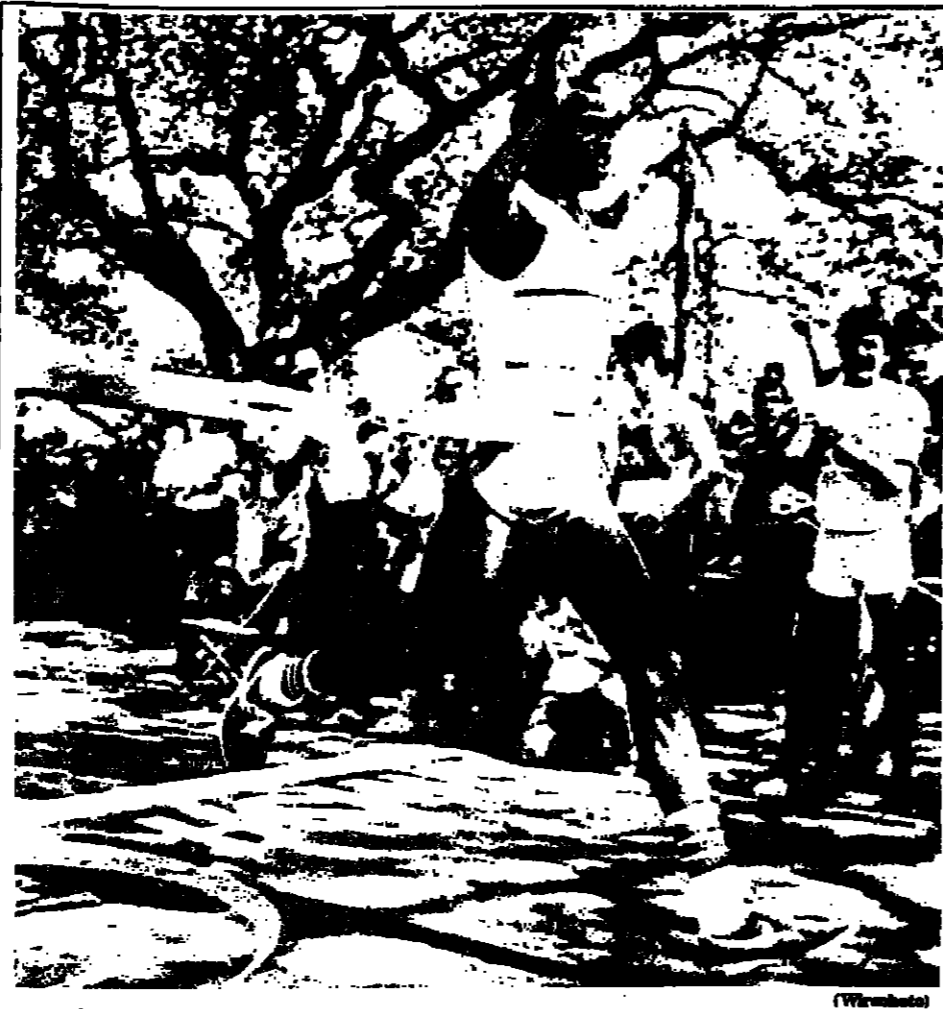
Krishnan, the 19-year-old son of former Indian Davis Cupper Ramanathan Krishnan, beat the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) — 20-ranked player Amritraj 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Vijay's brother Anand fared no better losing his first round match 5-7, 7-5, 6-1 to Rick Merr of the United States. Bruce Manson (USA) beat Luis Clerc (Argentina) 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 in the other match.

Meanwhile, Kumiko Okamoto of Japan upset Indian national champion Nandini Rangarajan 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 Monday in the women's first round of the Asian Junior Tennis Championships in the southern city of Hyderabad.

Utami Nigish of Indonesia and Emiko Onagawa of Japan easily beat their Indian opponents in two other matches.

In the men's section, Jaedok Kim of South Korea bested Indian Satish Karandikar 7-5, 6-3 and Mark Bailley of Hong Kong edged Ranjit Shinde, also of India, 6-1, 6-3.



RECORD FINISH: Kenya's Michael Masuyoki breaks the tape in the 10 kilometers Crescent City Classic in 27:52 to set an unofficial world record.

Lyll's behavior dubbed insulting

LONDON, April 7 (R) — West Ham soccer manager John Lyll has been charged with "insulting and improper behavior" by the English Football Association, following an incident with referee Clive Thomas at the end of the League Cup final against Liverpool.

Thomas has accused Lyll of calling him "a cheat," but the West Ham manager countered by saying he felt his team "had been cheated" by Thomas controversial decision to allow Liverpool's goal with player lying on the ground in an offside position.

After the game, which ended in a 1-1 draw, Lyll said: "I have said I am sorry. But I did not approach the referee, he came toward me. I told him I did not want to talk to him because we felt we had been cheated." Liverpool won the replay 2-1 last week.

Meanwhile, Football Association secretary Ted Croker renewed his call to the government to plough money back into football.

Croker, speaking at a conference in London to launch "Football 81" complained about the £130 million which will be paid this year by the pools companies to the exche-

quer. He claimed that both major parties in opposition had supported the idea that pools money should be given back to the sport.

But he said: "once they get into power they change their minds" croker's comments came as he gave the FA's support to the country's first football exhibition. Nearly 200 firms are expected to exhibit their wares at "Football 81" which will be held at Wembley Conference Center on December 16-20.

The Swedish Football Federation has decided to introduce a new system for its National Championship in 1982. It will be on a knock-out basis with the eight best teams in the First Division to meet each other in quarterfinals, semifinals and final.

The matches will be on the same basis as the European and UEFA Cups with first and second-leg matches.

In Rome, Roma remained ahead in the fight for the Italian Football Championship but one point covers the leading three. Roma won 2-0 at Udinese, helped by a 67th minute goal by Brazilian star Roberto Falco.

But second placed Juventus, and Napoli, trailing them only on goal difference, also

recorded victories. Juventus kept up the pressure for the full 90 minutes in beating Catania. They were rewarded when Irish midfielder Liam Brady, who has regained top form, scored seven minutes from time and Gnatano Scira, sweeper for the national side, made it 3-0 just before the end.

In Napoli's 2-1 win at Brescia Dutch star Ruud Krol dominated the midfield and, in addition, hit the winning goal from just outside the area with five minutes to go.

Meanwhile, International Football Federation (FIFA) president Joao Havelange is attempting to end the eight year sports rift between Chile and the Soviet Union by bringing the two nations together on the football field.

Havelange, who is currently visiting Chile, told football chiefs here that "eight years had passed and I think they should now be forgotten."

Havelange urged the Chileans to agree to one or two matches against the Soviet Union and said he would soon pose the same question to Moscow because "football knows no boundaries and sport must be set apart from politics."

European Soccer Results			
Spanish Division One		Argentine Juniors	
1 Real Zaragoza	2	1 Rosario Central	3
2 Real Madrid	3	2 River Plate	2
3 Real Valladolid	0	3 Talleres de Cordoba	0
4 Almeria	1	0 Independiente	0
5 Athletic Bilbao	0	1 Boca Juniors	2
6 Real Sociedad	0	2 Newell's Old Boys	0
7 Las Palmas	2	3 San Lorenzo	0
8 Espanol	0	0 de Almagro	1
9 Valencia	1	1 Union de	1
10 Sporting	1	2 Santa FE	0
11 Pinarol	0	0 Instituto de Cordoba	0
12 Espanol	0		
Italian Division One		Belgian Division One	
1 Napoli	2	1 RWD Molenbeek	2
2 Fiorentina	0	2 Standard Liege	0
3 Juventus	0	3 Koninck	4
4 Roma	0	4 Beerschot	3
5 Lazio	1	5 Warrington	0
6 Fiorentina	0	6 Anderlecht	1
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Catrrall nets both for Wales

Singapore rallies to down Zimbabwe

KUALA LUMPUR, April 7 (AFP) — Underdogs Singapore defeated Zimbabwe 3-2 via the tie-breaker after forcing a 4-4 draw in a play-off match in the Inter-Continental Cup Men's (field) Hockey Tournament here Tuesday.

Zimbabwe led 2-0 at half time and then virtually threw the game away to allow Singapore to draw at 3-3 and then lead 4-3.

Zimbabwe took the lead in the 28th minute after several near misses when Desmond Van Jaarsveldt scored a field goal in a solo effort. Two minutes later they went 2-0 up when Peter Rawson converted a penalty-corner and they held on to this lead until half time.

Three minutes after the resumption they appeared set for a convincing win when substitute Kenneth Rice scored a field goal to put Zimbabwe 3-0 ahead.

Unrattled Singapore came back strongly, however, and narrowed the margin in the 40th minute. Kee Yaw Lin converted a penalty-corner and followed up with another goal off a long-corner to further reduce the margin 3-2.

A field goal by Jeliasaidi helped Singapore level scores and four minutes from full time took the lead for the first time when Mozvde found the mark.

A stunned Zimbabwe hit back in the closing stages and got the equalizer three minutes from time to push the match over the extra-time and into the tie-breaker. But Singapore came out trumps in the penalty duel.

In another match, Wales defeated France 2-0 in a match to decide the minor placing. They led 1-0 at halftime. The game was one of the duller seen in the tournament so far with both teams playing a defensive game from the start.

Wales took advantage of the penalty-corners to get their goals through Robert Catrrall.

France had a slight edge in the first half, but their forwards failed to make the best of the three penalty-corners in the first half and all of them were wasted either by poor stops or weak attempts.

A minute from half time Wales was awarded a penalty-corner and Robert Catrrall's well timed shot sounded the board to put them one-up.

Two minutes after the resumption Catrrall was on target again when he converted another penalty-corner.

After this, play was confined to midfield. Two minutes from time, Wales skipper James Foulkes bought off a beautiful save when he cleared the ball on the goaline with goalkeeper Christopher Ashcroft beaten.

Wales will meet Belgium to decide the fifth and sixth positions while France will take on Japan for the seventh and eighth positions.

Belgium, who were unfortunate not to have qualified for the semi-finals crushed Japan 4-1.

Belgium lost out to Ireland on goal difference for a place the semis, depriving them of the chance to play for a World Cup place in

Thai boxers dominate

BANGKOK, Thailand, April 7 (AP) — Kenya and Thailand were leading Monday night as the King's Cup Boxing Championships moved into the quarterfinals at the Hua Mark Indoor Stadium here.

Kenya notched up three, Thailand five and South and North Korea two each, while the United States, the Soviet Union and Pakistan came up with a victory each.

The match opened with the North Koreans registering the first of their two successes for the night when bantamweight Lyo Ryeunsik outpointed Thai boxer Precharn Choysoom.

In the same division Hussein Khalili of Nairobi, outpointed South Korea's Seo-Chon for a 4-1 decision and strong-punching Kim Ji-Won scored a thrilling victory over Russia's famed pugilist Serdiuk Vladimir.

Australia's only success for the day came in the second quarterfinal of the lightweight division in which Sam Gibilisco, a stocky boxer, battled out a thrilling encounter with American Kevin Wuscher.

Kenya coasted to its second success in dynamic fashion when Isaiiah Khoni, who was judged the best boxer at last year's Golden Cup Championships in Nairobi, pounded Thailand's Bangkok Bank Lausak Kunsomaso to register a second round K.O. victory.

Results of Monday night's bouts:
Bantamweight: Lyo Ryeunsik (North

Bombay in December. Both Belgium and Ireland tied on points in the Group standings but Ireland, by virtue of a 5-0 victory over Singapore in their last match earned a semi-final berth.

Ireland had ten goals for with six against while Belgium had eight goals for with five against. Although the goals difference was four for both teams, Ireland qualified as the had netted more goals.

Belgium dominated play throughout and gave little room for the Japanese to pose a threat. Belgium will now meet Wales for fifth and sixth places.

Canada despite dominating play for a major part of the game could only manage a slim 2-1 win over Italy.

Korea) outpointed Precharn Choysoom (Thailand); Hussein Khalili (Kenya) outpointed Seo He chon (South Korea); Kim Ji-Won (South Korea) outpointed Serdiuk Vladimir (Russia) and Thawon Leikpetee (Thailand) outpointed Alexander Pele (U.S.A.).

Lightweight: Lee Hyun-Joo (South Korea) outpointed Yuri Gladyshev (Russia); Sam Gibilisco (Australia) outpointed Kevin Wuscher (U.S.A.); Isaiiah Khoni (Kenya) K.O. Lausak Kunsomaso (Thailand) in second round and Supand Samerpark (Thailand) outpointed Chong Jo Ung (North Korea).

Welterweight: Chalee Maluleom (Thailand) K.O. Mohammad R. Rajab (Malaysia) in the first round; Booname Pimpru (Thailand) beat Douglas Tomkins (Australia) in third round; P. Kaman Wanyoike (Kenya) outpointed Mimarto (Indonesia) and Gekina (Russia) outpointed Vallop Tomass (Thailand).

Middleweight: Chung Bang Mun (North Korea) outpointed Dol Orni Laingam (Thailand); Habib Ullah (Pakistan) outpointed Roong Boonsima (Thailand); Thai Daeng sophia (Thailand) k.o. Kamong Sunwan (Thailand) in the first round and Charlie Douglas (U.S.A.) outpointed Patrick Hartwood (Australia).

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As Jamaicans flog England attack

Rowe hits century

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 7 (AFP) — Jamaica, led by their captain Lawrence Rowe, took advantage of a depleted England attack to score 368 runs in their first innings on the third day of the four-day cricket match here Monday.

Rowe carried his overnight 28 to 116, sharing century partnerships with opener Richard Austin who hit 62 and Mark Neita (67) as Jamaica got to within 45 of England's first innings 413.

In just under one hour's batting, England reached 33 for one wicket in their second innings by the end of play, but a draw seems certain with only one day remaining.

Rowe the 32-year-old former West Indies Test player and idolized by local fans did not bat with quite the same brilliance as he did on the previous afternoon.

He was dropped by medium-fast bowler Robin Jackman's bowling when he was 37 and did not dominate the bowling throughout his innings.

yet Row produced several strokes reminiscent of his heyday in the West Indies team. He and Austin took the total from 95 for two

at the start to 141 before Austin was caught at deep square-leg off John Emburey, the off-spinner who was England's best bowler.

Austin made 62 and was the first wicket taken by Emburey during the day England were handicapped by the absence of fast bowler Chris Old who reactivated an old leg muscle injury.

After Austin's exit, Jamaica lost some quick wickets, but Rowe and Neita, an aggressive 20-year-old right-hander, scotched any danger of a complete collapse putting on 114 for the sixth wicket.

After Row's dismissal, Neita and another 20-year-old Marlon Tucker continued to push the Jamaican score along, before Neita was stumped by Paul Downton off Emburey.

Tucker took 16 runs including two fours and a six off Botham and hit 36 before he was another Emburey victim.

England were forced to start their second innings without regular opener Geoff Boycott who is ill. His substitute, Downton, fell leg before wicket to Junior Williams in the first over, but Graham Gooch and Bill Athey saw out the rest of the day safely. At Stumps England were 33 for one.

Noel moves court to stop bout

ATLANTIC CITY, April 7 (AP) — Sean O'Grady is scheduled to fight Hilmer Kenty for Kenty's World Boxing Association light-weight title this Sunday, but Trinidad boxer Claude Noel says he should have the shot at Kenty.

Noel has filed suit in Camden, New Jersey federal court to stop Sunday's fight, claiming Elias Cordova of Panama, chairman of the WBA's ratings committee, last January improperly demoted Noel as ranking contender and elevated O'Grady from fourth place.

Jay Edson, production coordinator for promoter Tom Rank Inc. of New York and former WBA secretary, called Noel's legal action a "nuisance."

"This is just a fighter's way of trying to ensure himself the next shot at the championship," Edson said. "It's just a ploy that's sometimes used."

Noel claims he signed a contract Feb. 14 with top rank promoter Bob Arum to fight

Kenty on Sunday. U.S. district court judge Stanley Brotman scheduled a Thursday hearing on the complaint against Arum, top rank, the WBA and several officials, and Atlantic City's Park Place Casino Hotel, site of the bout.

Noel wants Brotman to issue an injunction against the O'Grady-Kenty fight, order that O'Grady fight Noel next, and grant him \$40,000 in damages, the purse he allegedly was promised.

Kenty, who has 15 pro knockouts and 104 victories in 136 fights as an amateur, predicted he would defeat O'Grady in Sunday's 15-rounder.

O'Grady, 22, has an impressive 73-2 record with 65 knockouts in his seven-year pro career. O'Grady is coming off a controversial 12th-round knockout last Oct. 31 at the hands of world Boxing Council champ Jim Watt in Glasgow. O'Grady still says he was robbed when the referee stopped that one.

BRIEFS

MOSCOW, (AFP) — World Chess champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union and compatriot Vassily Smyslov shared the lead in the International Chess Tournament here Tuesday at the end of the third round. Karpov, in brilliant form in his build up to the world championship with Soviet expatriate grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi in Italy in September, beat fellow Soviet Efim Geller. While Smyslov accepted a draw with Ulf Anderson of Sweden.

CANBERRA, (AFP) — The proposed South African Springboks' Rugby Union tour of New Zealand this year poses a painful dilemma for the Australian government and people. Foreign Minister Tony Street said Tuesday. Street told the federal parliament there was no way the Australian government would interfere in the internal affairs of New Zealand, but he acknowledged that the Springboks tour could affect the staging of the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane next year.

ROME, (R) — Italy's Tennis Federation Monday took unprecedented action to outlaw exhibition matches, saying they were gravely damaging to the sport. Observers immediately prepared retaliatory action by top players, whose earnings are increasingly dependent on the highly-popular unofficial tournaments. The federation have threatened one-year suspensions against members who help to organize exhibitions. The announcement came as U.S. No. 1 John McEnroe arrived in Rome for a four-sided exhibition worth \$100,000, which organizers confirmed would go ahead.

SEATTLE, Washington, (AP) — The university of Washington crew team will host a visiting contingent from Egypt in a special race Wednesday, as part of a week-long tour of the United States by the Egyptians Rowers.

SWEDEN, (R) — Romanian Stefan Rusu is the hottest favorite among experts here for a title in the European Greco-Roman Wrestling Championships starting Wednesday. The Moscow Olympic lightweight champion is poised to take his fourth consecutive European title, a run which started in 1978.

KUALA LUMPUR, (AFP) — Zimbabwe will send a team to the Junior World Cup Hockey qualifying rounds in Nairobi, Kenya, in September. This was disclosed by Mark Manolios, coach of the Zimbabwean team competing in the second Intercontinental Cup Hockey Tournament here.

NICE, (AFP) — Top French tennis player Yannick Noah has been top-seeded for the Nice Open Tennis Tournament. Holder Bjorn Borg of Sweden has decided not to defend his title preferring to play a series of matches in Japan.



ADVANTAGE RANGERS: Terry Fenwick scores past John Burridge on a Wimbledon COURT.

Soccer invades Wimbledon's stately courts

WIMBLEDON, April 7 (DE) — Wimbledon's ivied walls looked down on this new sporting sight last week. Soccer had invaded its stately courts' Queen's Park Rangers were putting through its paces the new artificial turf Wimbledon have laid on an outside court.

Rangers are planning to lay the same sort of carpet on their ground at Shepherd's Bush this summer.

Terry Fenwick struck the first goal ever scored in the shadow of the Center Court, but the score elsewhere was not so distinct.

Rangers chairman Kim Grego proclaimed: "We are going ahead with our artificial pitch next season."

"There is no rule against it and as we have had no objections from the League in the

past six weeks, we have signed a contract."

But though the League's management committee — Jack Dunnett (Notts County), Robert Daniel (Plymouth), Brian Mears (Chelsea) and Jack Wiseman (Birmingham) — and League secretary Graham Kelly have seen the pitch being tested, they won't be making their report to the full committee until next month.

QPR boss Terry Venables, plus a bevy of other interested soccer men, including new Palace chairman Ron Noades, ex-manager Malcolm Allison and Burnley manager Brian Miller, watched Rangers players take to the pitch after a tennis display by Paul Hutchins, Sae Mappin and Jeremy Bates.

Venables said: "Even though the League men were originals against the idea, they

were so impressed I'm sure they are now 100 per cent in favor.

"We are confident enough that they will OK it — but we are going ahead, anyway."

Miller said after watching goalkeeper John Burridge fling himself about in a series of diving saves: "I am really impressed. There must be a future in this sort of pitch, if only because of the money to be saved on maintenance and the costs of a practise ground."

"And the initial cost is relatively long — only about half that of a top-class player."

The £350,000 Omniturf surface planned by Rangers is manufactured by a Canadian company. It is a combination of synthetic grass made from polypropylene fibre and a silicone-based top dressing.

The company claim that the sort of injuries usually associated with artificial surfaces are virtually eliminated by granules of sand-like material which cushion impact just like natural turf.

The surface can be used continually. Apart from soccer and training, hockey, boxing and concerts can all be staged without fear of damaging it.

But though it was in use as an experiment at Wimbledon last week, there are no plans to use it for the annual tennis championships.

All England Club chairman Sir Brian Burnett insisted: "There is absolutely no intention of replacing any of the grass courts and I expect the championships to be played on grass into the foreseeable future."

Bayern Munich pins hope on Rummenige

LONDON, April 7 (R) — Case-hardened old hands will be contesting places in the European Soccer Cup final Wednesday when the first-leg semifinals are played in Madrid and Liverpool.

The draw ensure a north-south final but until Wednesday night at the earliest it would be rash to forecast the rival standard-bearers.

Real Madrid, who almost made the Cup a Spanish monopoly in the '50s, play host to Internazionale of Milan, who twice won the Cup in the '60s. Real's success in Europe this season has revived their League chances after a dismal start.

It is a mark of how far north 'power' has swung in European soccer since Real last won the Cup 15 years ago that the other semifinal — Liverpool versus Bayern Munich — attracts more interest.

Both are more recent winners, the West Germans for three years running in the mid-70's until Liverpool, England's perennial campaigners in Europe, took over from them for the following two seasons.

Bayern will expect European footballer-of-the-year Karl-Heinz Rummenige to torture the English defense and the versatile World Cup star Paul Breitner to help curb Scotland's Kenny Dalglish and fellow Liverpool raiders.

A second Scottish star, midfielder Graeme Souness, who scored three goals in the previous round, has a back injury and will be absent. So will striker David Johnson, a victim of hamstring trouble.

Boxing suit goes to court

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP) — The Antitrust lawsuit of former Madison Square Garden matchmaker Teddy Brenner against the World Boxing Council, with important ramifications throughout the boxing business, is scheduled to begin in federal court Tuesday.

The suit also names as a defendant WBC President Jose Sulaiman and charges that Sulaiman and his organization prevented Brenner from promoting four title fights.

The suit also charges that the WBC manipulated contender rankings and coerced fighters to sign multi-fight agreements "with certain favored promoters." It also accuses the WBC of forcing title contenders to enter into contracts with the "favored promoters" to get title fights.

Brenner contends that Sulaiman manipulated the ratings of ranked fighters by adding or advancing the names of fighters who had multiple-bout service contracts with certain favored promoters to obtain an anti-competitive commercial advantage.

If Brenner wins his suit, the WBC would have to dismantle its operation in the United States. The WBC's operation in the United States is derived from the money it receives from American television for sanctioning its title fights. A Brenner victory also could lead to structural changes in the WBC's counter-

part, the World Boxing Association, which is not directly involved in the suit.

Antitrust action has drastically changed boxing in the past. In the mid-1950s, a similar suit brought by the federal government against the International Boxing Club was successful, and the IBC was rendered powerless when it found guilty of conspiring to control world championship fights.

In his pre-trial brief, Brenner said the WBC "misuses its power to a greater extent than the International Boxing Club did."

Brenner, now a matchmaker for promoter Bob Arum's top rank Inc., also is seeking \$3 million in damages. Brenner has been a promoter and matchmaker for 40 years.

Brenner was suspended as a promoter of championship professional fights by the WBC after getting involved in a dispute with promoter Don King over the right to promote the 1979 Junior Lightweight title bout between Alexis Arriuelo of Nicaragua and Alfredo Escalera of Puerto Rico.

David Lowe dropped from England team

LONDON, April 7 (AFP) — British Olympic swimmer David Lowe who comes from Zimbabwe has been dropped from the team for a swimming international in Leeds on April 25-26 because his British passport has lapsed.

Lowe who swims for Harrow and Wealdstone was ruled out of the three-way international against West Germany and Holland by the British selectors because he was no longer considered a British subject even though he was in the Moscow Olympics team last year.

British team manager Andy Merton said: "Lowe's passport expired in November and has so far not been renewed. At the moment he is only the holder of a Zimbabwean passport."

"Until the matter is resolved we thought it sensible not to select him." Eight new women and five men get their first caps at the international meeting.

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OH, YOU MEAN THE ONE WHO... NO... THE OTHER ONE

YOU ARE AN AVID SPORTS FAN. YOUR FAVORITE IS BASEBALL. HOW CAN YOU TELL THAT? YOU GOT MUSTARD IN THE CORNERS OF YOUR MOUTH.

B.C.

ME MOTHER'S LOOKIN' A BIT DOWN AGAIN... YOU MIGHT SHOW A BIT OF INTEREST!

THERE'S NO WAY OF CHEERIN' THAT ONE UP

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 ♠ K 6
 ♥ 7 4
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ A Q J 9 8 7 4

WEST
 ♠ A 9 8 7 4
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ J 10 4
 ♣ K 6 2

EAST
 ♠ 5 2
 ♥ A 9 8 6 3 2
 ♦ Q 9 8 2
 ♣ 10

SOUTH
 ♠ Q J 10 3
 ♥ Q J 10
 ♦ K 7 6 5
 ♣ 5 3

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass
 3♠ Pass 3NT

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

tricks, and lacking an entry to his hand to repeat the finesse, South continued with the ace, hoping to catch the king.

When the king did not fall, South played a third round of clubs to establish the suit. West won, led a diamond to the ace, and the contract went down one. Declarer scored six clubs and two diamonds. The defenders scored two aces, two diamonds and a club.

South would have fared better had he concentrated less on West's holding the K-x of clubs and more on the possibility of West's holding the K-x-x. South could have covered both possibilities by playing the king of spades at trick three, abandoning clubs for the nonce. Had he done that, he would have finished with at least nine tricks.

If West took the ace and returned a diamond, South could make twelve tricks by cashing his spades and repeating the club finesse. If West did not take the king of spades, South could guarantee nine tricks by reverting to clubs.

It must be granted that the king-of-spades play at trick three is not easy to think of — considering the magnetic attraction of dummy's clubs — but it is surely the right play. It has everything to gain, and nothing to lose.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
 Act on your ideas now for good results. Make important phone calls. Charm plus insight makes you quite effective at present.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
 Favorable financial developments should be kept secret for the moment. You profit from behind-the-scenes connections.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Take the initiative in planning a social event. You're popular now and will meet with pleasant times and romantic opportunity.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Don't let the cat out of the bag regarding a career matter. A friend speaks in your behalf. Career success is in the offing.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
 Friends may want you to accompany them on a trip. Others are very helpful now. You'll receive both good will and good advice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
 Seek long-term gains from career moves now. You're able to sell both yourself and

your product. Initiative brings fine dividends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
 Follow the lead of close ties now. You may plan a pleasure trip together. Singles may meet someone from a distance. Enjoy companionship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
 Begin new work assignments. Cordiality leads to success on the job. You can raise needed capital now. Consult with loan officers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
 Take the initiative in planning good times with loved ones. Children are a source of joy. Romance and adventure are on your agenda.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
 You may work overtime now. Enthusiasm for an assignment keeps you on the go. Family is supportive. Enjoy pleasant home life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
 Short trips have romantic overtones. A neighbor may invite you to a get-together. Enjoy hobbies and capitalize on creativity.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
 You'll want to buy new things for the home. Shopping trips should be fun. Take advantage of bargains. Later, you'll enjoy romance.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Varnish ingredient
 4 Bootlace
 9 Grand-parental
 11 Writer, Ignazio —
 12 Glass
 13 "In Cold Blood" author
 14 Band member
 16 Undressed hide
 17 District of England
 18 According to right to
 19 Ending for Israel
 20 Curse
 22 Soccer great
 23 Rage
 24 Judith Anderson title
 25 Hand (sl.)
 26 Pianist, Peter —
 27 Killer whale
 28 Take it on the —
 29 Never (Ger.)
 32 Alkali
 33 Ralph Waldo —
 35 Appear
 37 Sicilian hot spot
 38 Sea nymph
 39 Biblical mountain

DOWN

1 Memory lacuna
 2 Use
 3 Burlesque theater vendors
 4 Climbing vine
 5 Lofly spot
 6 "Sesame Street" favorite
 7 Give a right to sight
 8 Reservation township
 10 C.S.A. legend or Antonio
 11 Surmount
 15 Numerous
 21 Skill colony
 22 Relief pitchers (law)
 24 Greek township
 25 Rita or Antonio
 26 Baptized
 28 Walk
 30 Old Greek colony
 31 Finnish lake
 34 Matter (sandpaper)

Yesterday's Answer

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
 is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

BFWPI FWQBWQC YQW DWQQR
 UWBZZPK IPDYU BRV UYQ GJWIV
 UYPRTC DJ. — KYWPCUJFYQW OJWIQN

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HE IS NOT ONLY DULL HIMSELF, BUT THE CAUSE OF DULLNESS IN OTHERS. — JOHNSON

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Arab News Calendar

<p>4:30 Children's Show 4:53 Unicorn Tales 5:17 Wildlife Series 6:09 California Fever 7:04 Series Family Robinson 7:27 Berman 7:52 Hawaii Five-0 9:27 Channel 3 Features</p>	<p>Dishran TV Programs (Arabic) Jeon of Star Command Magnificent Major The Green World Four on the Floor Visitor Cold Storage Deadly Course Legend of Golden Gun</p>	<p>8:00 News Roundup Reports: Actualities; Opinion: Analysis 8:30 Dairine News Summary 9:00 Special English News: Features: The Making of a Nation News Summary Music USA (Standards) 10:00 News Roundup Reports: Actualities 10:05 Opening: Ambush</p>	<p>VOA News Summary 10:30 VOC Magazine America: Letter Cultural: Letter 11:00 Special English: News 11:30 Music U.S. (Class) VOA WORLD REPORT Midnight 12:00 News, newswomen's voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.</p>	<p>SAUDI RADIO/ENGLISH SERVICE Wednesday Afternoon Transmission Time Wednesday 2:00 Opening 2:01 Holy Quran 2:06 Program Review 2:07 Gems of Guidance 2:12 Light Music 2:15 On Islam 2:25 A Chai & A Song 2:55 Light Music 3:00 The News 3:10 Press Review 3:15 Light Music 3:30 Youth Welfare 3:40 Light Music 3:50 Closures Evening Transmission Time Wednesday 8:00 Opening 8:01 Holy Quran 8:06 Program Review 8:07 Gems of Guidance 8:12 Light Music 8:13 Jeddah Highlights 8:15 Companions of the Prophet 8:20 Poetry & Music 9:15 A Leaf From Life's Notebook 9:20 The News 9:40 S. Leonard 9:45 Listener's Choice 10:15 Sound Sweet & Strange 10:45 Majesty of Islam 11:00 Music of Masters 11:45 A Rendezvous With Dreams 12:00 Closures</p>	<p>RADIO FRANCAIS SECTION FRANCAISE DJEDDAH Langues d'usage: — FM 98 Mégahertz: — Onde Courte: 11.825 Mégahertz dans la bande des 20MHz. — Onde Moyenne: 1495 Kilohertz dans la bande des 30MHz. Vacation de la Maison de Mercuriel</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY Morning Frequencies: 17662, 17845, 21700 (kHz) Wavelengths: 16.96, 16.81, 13.82 (meters)</p>	<p>RADIO PAKISTAN Evening Frequencies: 17918, 21465, 21795 (kHz) Wavelengths: 16.74, 13.96, 13.79 (meters)</p>
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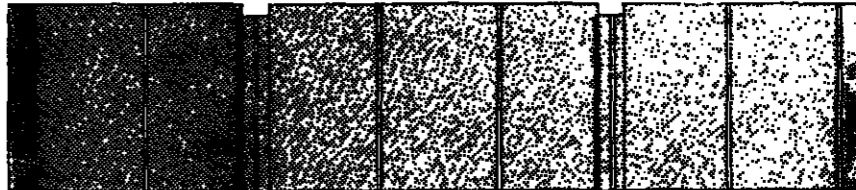
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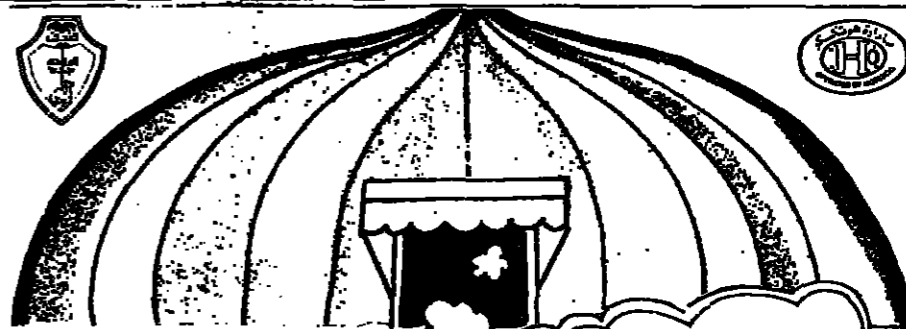
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Bonn to fulfill obligations

U.S. seeks bigger defense effort by allies

BONN, April 7 (Agencies) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger told NATO allies Tuesday the alliance had been lagging in arms spending and could not leave the Soviet military buildup unmatched in the coming decade, American sources said.

In an appeal for a bigger defense effort by Europeans, he told the opening meeting of a NATO Nuclear Planning Group in Bonn: "The American people will not want to march alone if our effort is not joined by all who are threatened, all who face the common danger."

He produced classified charts to argue that estimated Soviet defense investment remained nearly stagnant during the 1951-1963 Cold War period but increased by more than 50 per cent during the 1963-1980 detente era.

"If moving from Cold War to detente is progress, let me say we cannot afford more progress," he was quoted as saying. Weinberger, the first senior American official to visit Europe since President Ronald Reagan took office, briefed the allies on latest intelligence reports on the situation in and around Poland.

He also outlined the thinking on balance of forces, nuclear strategy and arms control policy shaping up in Washington but a senior U.S. defense official said it would take a while before his government had a clear idea of what it wanted to do.

Weinberger said he was opposed to the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II) signed by the United States and the Soviet Union but unratified by the U.S. Congress. He said he was not opposed in principle to arms control agreements. He said SALT II



U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger was unbalanced, did not contribute to stability and had important aspects that could not be verified.

He was opposed to the notion that the Soviet Union could deploy an unlimited number of SS-20 missiles with a range of 4,000 kms while the West could not deploy Cruise missiles with a range of more than 600 kms, the sources said. To face the SS-20 threat NATO decided in December 1979 to deploy 572 Pershing-2 and Cruise missiles in Europe from 1983 while at the same time offering to negotiate limitations on these medium-range theater nuclear forces with the Soviet Union.

A leading U.S. official, quoting Weinberger, said the U.S. Defense Secretary had warned that any wavering in support from the



West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt allies for the plan to deploy medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe "would have a profound effect on Soviet behavior and would push the Soviets to go further in their campaign against NATO modernization."

The Belgian and Dutch governments have still not committed themselves to accepting missiles based on their territory and Weinberger said that while there had been a "decisive change of mood" in the United States over bearing the burden of defense "it is a fragile mood."

"It won't last if not supported elsewhere in the alliance," Weinberger reportedly warned. "It is our hope that we can gain allied support by our example."

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt told the meeting that West Germany would

fulfill its military obligations in cooperation with its European and North American allies to ensure a global balance of military forces. He said the Soviet Union should not mistake internal debate on defense issues for a sign of weakness within the alliance. Such debates were part of "our democratic way of life," he said.

Given the current level of Soviet armament, particularly in Eurorockets, a moratorium, unilaterally declared by Moscow, would not remove "my grave fears," said Schmidt. However, such a move might help psychologically toward a resumption of negotiations on this issue, he added.

Meanwhile, in the Ronald Reagan administration's first substantive statement Tuesday to the long-running Geneva disarmament conference, Ambassador Charles C. Flowerree accused the Soviet Union of fostering international tensions through unrestrained armaments expansion.

Soviet spending on conventional and nuclear weapons programs, said Flowerree, Geneva, outstripped that of the United States by 40 per cent over the past 10 years. "In 1980," he said, "Soviet outlays were some 50 per cent higher." Flowerree asked rhetorically: "Would the level of international tension be so high if the buildup in Soviet military strength... had not occurred, or if it had been moderate?"

Flowerree's remarks prompted an immediate rejoinder from chief Soviet delegate V. L. Issraelyan, who said the American's comments were "not conducive to understanding... or dialogue" at the 40-nation conference.

People flee Ahwaz area after fresh Iraqi attack

TEHRAN, April 7 (Agencies) — Fresh Iraqi shelling of Ahwaz, the capital of Iranian Khuzestan, has triggered a new wave of departures from the city, which is now two-thirds empty, according to official estimates published here Tuesday. Ahwaz normally has a population of about 200,000.

Iraqi mortar and heavy artillery bombardment resumed at the beginning of this month. Eyewitnesses, however, report few casualties and say the missiles usually hit empty buildings.

An Iranian high command announcement said that in five days of bombardment of Ahwaz and Dezful, about 150 km to the north, three Iraqis have been killed and at least 20 wounded.

A local citizen said that some inhabitants of Ahwaz preferred to leave their homes at night to sleep on the ground, in tents or in their vehicles outside the town. Others were living in basements or tunnels.

Meanwhile on the war front about 50 kms of Ahwaz, artillery duels have intensified recently, according to the Iranian high command, which Monday night reported more than 100 Iraqis killed or wounded.

Iraq said Monday that its forces had killed 135 Iranians over 24 hours for the loss of only two of its own men. The official Iraqi News Agency quoted a high command communique as saying that 44 Iranians were killed when their troop concentrations came under fire in western Kermanshah province.

The communique said 34 more Iranians died in ground fighting and artillery shelling in the Gilan-E-Gharb region, in the same province.

EEC lends \$1.3 million to 4 African countries

BRUSSELS, April 7 (AP) — The European commission has reported that it has decided to grant 1,065,000 European currency units (\$1.3 million) in urgent aid to four African countries whose populations have been victims of civil war, floods and epidemics.

Guinea was given 500,000 ECUS (\$608,000) to fight drought and caterpillars.

Chad was given the grant for medical and food aid programs, following recent strife, which will be channeled through non-governmental organizations. Seychelles were given 40,000 ECUS for reconstruction after torrential rains and Upper Volta 25,000 ECUS, (\$30,000) for a vaccination program to fight an epidemic of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

Good Morning

By Jhad Al Khazan

The changeability and violence of politics in some Arab lands had for long frustrated the language there, making it feverish, as exaggerated, as the court events. Once language is thus infected, washes back onto events, making them uniformly, indiscriminately, dramatically telling.

Thus you never say, if you're a politician, "now" or "the present." That's mundane, too neutral. Nothing less "this crucial juncture" would do — if you don't decide to let slip and call it true, full name, which is of course, fateful historical crossroads at which stand.

A particular "Inspired Leader of People" might be taking time off to take a break at the opening of a primary somewhere. You might expect him to smile at the kids and murmur something encouraging to the teachers. But no, he would be bad form. What you get is a steady eyed glance and a full oration which the humble occasion figures against the backdrop of Ignorance and Fateful Juncture in Our History.

Of course I exaggerate a little. But just a little I can assure you.

With things going on like this for nearly thirty years now — one could give an exact date on which history started being "crucial", changed in fact into history but that would be telling — it is no wonder people have long switched off. With adjectives and adverbs so overused as to become meaningless, what shall we when new "fateful junctures" come?

Translated from Ashraf Al Awsat

FBI to get brief from president

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan, described as looking and feeling fine, planned to give Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents a first-hand account Monday of the attempt on his life eight days ago. Investigators had an appointment with the president at his hospital room before noon. Reagan's counselor, Edwin Meese III, also planned to be there.

"It's part of the routine investigation," said Larry Speakes, White House deputy press secretary. The session marks the president's first official participation in the probe of the March 30 shooting. Speakes also announced that the president will make a major economic address from the White House after he is discharged from George Washington University Hospital. Asked whether Reagan's tentative release date had slipped back, Speakes said no firm date had been fixed.

The latest medical bulletins indicate Reagan still is running a slight fever and receiving an expanded range of antibiotics as a precaution against infection. Speakes refused Monday to reveal his specific temperature, but a source who insisted on anonymity said it was less than 100 degrees. The normal body temperature is 98.6 degrees.

Because of the shooting, Reagan was forced to cancel a series of speeches before state legislatures designed to sell his program of tax and budget cuts. Vice President George Bush and first lady Nancy Reagan will be the president's stand-ins Tuesday night at a Republican dinner at the same hotel where Reagan was shot.

Extraordinary security steps were being followed at the Washington Hilton Hotel, where nearly 3,000 guests were expected at a \$1,000-a-plate, black-tie dinner to raise money for Republican candidates for the house and senate.

Filipinos express trust in Marcos

By Joe Pavia
Arab News Correspondent

MANILA, April 7 — The Philippines concluded another balloting Tuesday afternoon and eight out of 10 electorate, as expected, were giving President Ferdinand E. Marcos a vote of confidence by voting "yes" in the plebiscite to amend the constitution. A government official reported at 8 p.m., three hours after the polls closed, that a winning trend for the "yes" votes has been established on the basis of early returns from scattered areas nationwide, although the "no" ballots were making a good showing in the opposition strongholds.

A sample of the ringing endorsement the Marcos regime is expected to get is the initial count from his home province in northern Luzon where the tally was 944 to nil for "yes". Metro Manila is returning a better than, 4-to-1 count for the affirmative ballots, and elsewhere the "yes" votes were comfortable leading. In at least two known opposition strongholds, Cebu in central Philippines and Cagayan de Oro city in northeastern Mindanao, the "no" votes were ahead in the early going. It was 57 to 43 per cent for "no" in Cebu and 60 to 40 per cent in Cagayan de Oro.

The balloting was generally smooth and peaceful throughout the archipelago even in the rebellion-wracked areas of southern Philippines and the dissident-infested Cagayan Valley in northern Luzon, Bicol provinces of southern Luzon and eastern Visayas of central Philippines. The only untoward incidents reported in these trouble spots included the killing of a village head in Zamboanga Del Sur in western Mindanao, one of two Muslim-dominated regions in southern Philippines. Authorities could not determine the motive of the unidentified gunman.

In the other Muslim region of central Mindanao, the head of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) reported that balloting was postponed in two remote villages of the province of Davao Del Norte due to the presence of armed men believed to be members of the Communist-oriented New People's Army (NAP). The third plebiscite-related

In smooth plebiscite

incident involved the snatching of ballot boxes by NPA terrorists in Cagayan province in northern Luzon. Several Muslim leaders in central Mindanao, meanwhile, were quoted by the official Philippines News Agency (PNA) as reporting a clean and peaceful plebiscite and predicting an overwhelming victory for the administration. Lanao Del Sur Governor Ali Dimaporo said the Muslims in his province along with their Christian brothers rallied behind Marcos.

About 20 million Filipinos or slightly over 80 per cent of the nation's 25.5 million electorate were estimated to have participated in the plebiscite, the first balloting since martial law was lifted by Marcos last Jan. 17. The estimate was made by COMELEC Chairman Vicente Santiago Jr., who noted the heavy turnout of voters and the "generally smooth and peaceful" plebiscite except for isolated cases of untoward incidents, including missing names and last-minute hitches leading to confusion specially in the first hours of the balloting.

The country's ninth political exercise since Marcos seized absolute power under a crisis regime in 1972, started a 7 a.m. with the 81,000 polling precincts opening to sunny summer weather. The balloting officially closed 10 hours later at five o'clock in the afternoon and the counting began shortly after. Officials estimated that by Tuesday midnight early Wednesday, a trend may be established in the unofficial tabulation of advance returns. The commission itself is expected to release the official count by weekend.

Near U.S. Embassy

Gunfire hits Salvadoran soldiers

SAN SALVADOR, April 7 (Agencies) — Gunmen in a speeding car have fired at Salvadoran soldiers on patrol near the U.S. Embassy and the troops returned the fire, witnesses reported. They said none of the soldiers were hit but it appeared one of the men in the car might have been wounded.

The attack Monday night occurred about three blocks away from the walled embassy, they added. Military spokesmen declined to comment on the report. Army patrols were increased around the U.S. Embassy following three recent attacks by terrorists firing rocket-propelled grenades.

In the latest such attack, two grenades were fired at the building Wednesday but both missed. The Popular Liberation Forces asserted responsibility for that attack.

Shortly after the shooting near the embassy, a bomb damaged the home of Rafael Sanchez, a court official who reportedly had received death threats. Neighbors said Sanchez had started building a wall around his house because of the threats and the unfinished wall was destroyed by the explosion. Police said there were no casualties from the blast.

The weekend was relatively quiet, with no reports of major attacks in the lit-and-run war between liberators and right-wing extremists or of battles between liberation forces and security forces of the civilian-military junta.

Marcos motored to his home province in northern Luzon where he cast his vote while the first lady, Human Settlements Minister and Metro, Manila Governor Imelda Romualdez Marcos voted at Manila's Mapa high school near Malacanang. Leading opposition leaders including former senators Eva Estrada Kalaw and Francisco Rodrigo voted despite earlier opposition threats to boycott the plebiscite.

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In Washington the White House said Monday that President Ronald Reagan will nominate career diplomat Deane Hinton, a former U.S. representative to the European Common Market, to the sensitive post of ambassador to El Salvador.

Hinton will succeed Robert White, also a foreign service career officer, who was removed from the post after criticizing the Reagan administration's emphasis on U.S. military aid to the Salvadoran junta.

Meanwhile, President Napoleon Duarte of El Salvador said in an interview published in Paris Tuesday that he would never accept direct participation by American troops in the conflict in his country.

"I am fighting foreign intervention, against those international brigades coming from Cuba, Nicaragua and elsewhere" to train and arm Salvadorans, he said. "How can you expect me in turn to seek foreign intervention?" he told the French paper *Le Quotidien de Paris*.

Asked which countries were supporting the liberation forces, in El Salvador, President Duarte replied: "There are many of them." President Duarte said elections for a National Assembly would be held in the first quarter of 1982 and presidential elections in 1983. "The ballot paper, not the gun, will determine the law here," he told *Le Quotidien*.

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